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1981 raid on an Iraqi nuclear reac-

tor, United Press International re-ported from Jerusalem. He denied

["Israel acted as she saw fit," Mr. Rabin said on Israel radio. "There

never was an American imperative

denied Mr. Pollard's allegations

that Israeli leaders knew of his espi-

U.S. prosecutors as a brigadier gen-

day to comment on reports that the

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — John G.

become head of the Central Intelli-

gence Agency, sources said.
The new White House chief of

The sources said that Mr. Tower

had been the first choice of Mr.

Baker, who pushed hard for his

turned down an offer from the

Mr. Reagan on Monday with-

drew the name of Robert M. Gates.

Mr. Reagan's public approval

currently acting director, as his nominee for director of central in-

telligence, at the request of Mr.

Informed Republican sources

said Brent Scowcroft, former na-tional security adviser to President

Gerald R. Ford and a member of

the Tower board, was one of sever-

al candidates for the post. Mr.

Scowcroft was out of the country

and could not be reached for com-

ment Tuesday. Senator Sam Nunn, Democrat of

Georgia, said Monday there are at least half a dozen people who would excel as head of the Central

"You couldn't do any better than

He also mentioned Bobby In-

Brent Scowcroft," Mr. Nunn said.

man, a former deputy director of the CIA, and General William Odom, head of the National Secu-

rity Agency. Other officials said Vernon Walters, U.S. ambassador

to the United Nations, was a possi-

Reagan Addresses Staff

the rule of law must be respected

See CIA, Page 6

Intelligence Agency.

ble candidate.

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Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir

against furthering Sella's career."

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PARIS, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 1987

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U.S. Plan

On Arms

Due Today

Reagan Stresses Need to Verify

Pact on Missiles

PARIS - President Ronald

Reagan announced that the United

States will present Wednesday its

counterproposal to a Soviet plan for the elimination of medium-

range nuclear weapons in Europe. In his first reaction to Mikhail S.

Gorbachev's statement Saturday that the Soviet Union was ready to

decouple a medium-range missile

agreement from other negotiations

at the Geneva arms talks, Mr. Rea-

gan emphasized that an accord

would require strict provisions for

verification to assure compliance.

U.S. Geneva delegation, led by

Max M. Kampelman, to Washing-

ion later this week for consulta-

tions on the intermediate weapons

"Following these discussions in Washington I will send a team back

to Geneva to take up once again the

In a televised appearance before

reporters at the White House Tues-

day, he noted that the substance of

the Gorbachev proposal reflected

an informal agreement he had

reached with the Soviet leader in

previous discussions. The two met

n Geneva in 1985 and in Iceland

last year. Mr. Reagan also thanked the

U.S. allies in West Europe for the

firmness they displayed in the de-ployment of the cruise and Per-shing-2 missiles, which oppose So-viet SS-20 missiles in Europe.

These weapons are the object of the

He promised the allies further

In Geneva on Tuesday, a Soviet

spokesman raised the possibility

that talks on long-range and space

weapons may be extended while

negotiators the elimination of me-

The three-level negotiations had

been scheduled to adjourn

dium-range missiles in Europe.

consultation as the talks on the

removal of these arms continue.

medium-range reduction talks.

detailed negotiations," he said.

He said that he was recalling the

U.S. Indicts Israeli Deng Says In Pollard Spy Case Problems

Prominent Military Officer Is Accused Of Conspiracy and Gathering Secrets

Are Ended

Leslie Maitland Werner since its relations with Washington

New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — A federal economy. The indictment would make it difficult if not impossible extensive to Israel's security and economy. The indictment would make it difficult if not impossible grand jury on Tuesday indicted a charges of recruiting Jonathan Jay
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activities in the United States.

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The indictment accuses Aviem sells of conspiracy to gather or deliver U.S. defense information, gathering such secrets, and receiving or obtaining classified informa-tion as a foreign agent.

Mr. Sella, who has been de-scribed variously as a colonel or a progradier general, is regarded in Is-sael as a future leader of its military, and the possibility or many and the possibility or m

Last summer, a high-ranking Isracti delegation, including Ambas-sador Meir Rosenne, met with Jusfice Department officials to plead on his behalf.

The charges in the indictment carry a maximum sentence of life imprisonment.

Law enforcement officials in Washington acknowledged that there was little chance of his being extradited from Israel to stand trial because the U.S.-Israeli extradition treaty exempts espionage.

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LATE NEWS

Farm Proposal

Rejected by EC

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — Eu-rorean Community agricultural

pians for an early retirement pian to entice Europe's farmers away from the land, diplomats.

The plan, proposed by the

EC Commission, would have provided about 461 million En-

ropean currency units (\$516

million) in payoffs over five

years. The ministers argued

they could not provide the cash

until they knew the exact nature

of other proposals for persuading farmers to leave land fallow,

The farmers of Europe will

not be happy when they learn this news, said the EC farm

commissioner, Frans Andries-

Danny Kaye, the Ameri-

can comedian, died on

INSEDE TODAY

MA U.S. Supreme Court ruling

may offer protection against

discrimination for persons with

The main U.S. gauge of fu-

dure economic activity plunged

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Tuesday at 74.

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diplomats said.

Tower Is Said to Reject

An Offer to Head CIA

But Tells Shultz Pace of Reform May Be Slowed

By William Drozdiak

Israel's defense minister, Yitz-hak Rabin, said Tuesday that he stood behind Mr. Sella, a highly decorated fighter pilot who led the Washington Post Service
BELIING — China's top leader. Deng Xiaoping, told the U.S. secre-tary of state, George P. Shultz, on Tuesday that the "political difficul-ties" that the country had encounthat Washington had threatened to sever all contacts with Mr. Sella if tered because of its economic re-

form program have been resolved. But Mr. Deng told Mr. Shultz, in the presence of reporters, that the pace of the reforms may be slowed o contain further political turmoil. Resistance to his policies may "exist for a long time" until it is proven that the "policies and measures we have adopted accord with the inter-

ests of the people," he said.

A wave of student protests last onage activities, Remers reported.] Mr. Sella, 41, was described by fall in favor of freedom and democracy led to the downfall of Hu eral. Yossi Gal, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy, declined Mon-Yaobang the Communist Party leader, in January and harsh criti-cism by the media of Western influ-

United States had protested to Is-raeli officials in Washington and in Mr. Deng, 82, sought to compare China's problems with the political israel in the last few days over accounts that Mr. Sella had recenttravails of Ronald Reagan and Richard M. Nixon. "By engaging in Information regarding Mr. Sel-la's alleged involvement in the espipolitics and running the government, you have to expect to run into difficulties," he said. "But it doesn't matter. After a while, they will pass away."

Mr. Shultz responded that Mr. Reagan had indeed gone through "a rough patch but dealt with it smoothly."

He later said at a press confer-ence that he was persuaded of the sincere intentions of Mr. Deng and other members of China's ruling elite to forge ahead with plans to build a more open economy by ex-panding ties with the outside Tower, who headed the special review board on the Iran-contra af-fair, has turned down an offer to

tid. "A turning away will not take place for a very good reason: The reforms have worked and the people are better off." staff, Howard H. Baker Jr., said Monday that "certain contacts" on a new director are "still under In two days of talks here with

Mr. Deng and other senior Chinese officials, Mr. Shultz also discussed way," but "we do not yet have an respective relations with the Soviet Union. He said that China and the United States shared a strong simi-

See SHULTZ, Page 6



SOVIET-AUSTRALIAN TALKS - Eduard A. Shevardnadze, the Soviet foreign minister, right, glancing at an interpreter during a welcoming speech after his

arrival in Canberra. He later assured Australians that Moscow has no ulterior motives in seeking commercial and diplomatic ties with South Pacific nations. Page 2.

Breakdown in Coalition Forces Craxi Out

By John Tagliabue
New York Times Service

ROME - Prime Minister Bettino Craxi resigned Tuesday, bringing an end to the longest period of Italian political stability since World War II.

Mr. Craxi, a Socialist who has beld office since Aug. 4, 1983, summarized the achievements of his government in a speech to the Senate. He then proceeded to the Quirinal Palace, where he offered his resignation and that of Italy's 45th postwar cabinet to President rancesco Cossiga.

Mr. Cossiga was expected to begin consultations with party leaders on Thursday and to ask Foreign Minister Giuli Andreotti, a Chris-"It makes sense," Mr. Shultz tian Democrat, to form a new gov-

The five parties of the governing coalition agreed in July that a Christian Democrat should succeed Mr. Craxi.

Mr. Craxi praised his government's accomplishments, but said his decision to resign "derives from a recent and definitive aggravation of political difficulties."

among the parties has progressively crisis. He resigned again in June ments between the Socialists and invaded the parliamentary sphere after his government lost a vote in Christian Democrats, the most

Mr. Craxi said major problems

At that time, leaders of the five still faced Italy, including the prosand protection of socially disadvantaged groups.

Socialist leaders have said they would accept a Christian Democratic prime minister under the present coalition, which consists of Christian Democrats, Socialists, Liberals, Republicans and Social Democrats.

But they were expected to raise the political price of such acceptance so high as to make early parliamentary elections virtually unavoidable, perhaps as early as June, a year ahead of schedule.

Mr. Craxi, a tough and pragmatpolitician, was the first Socialist to bold the prime minister's nost since World War ii.

He has resigned twice before. He political difficulties." criticism of the government's han-The crisis of political relations dling of the Achille Lauro hijacking events dominated by bitter argu-

and the sphere of government," he the Chamber of Deputies over a finance bill.

At that time, leaders of the five perity gap between north and long political deadlock by agreeing south, unemployment, the insuffi- that Mr. Craxi would remain prime ciencies of public administration minister until this month and would then withdraw in favor of a Christian Democrat. That agreement committed the

parties to maintain their coalition until parliamentary elections scheduled for March 1988.

■ Disputes Within Coalition Mr. Craxi said that the tense situation between the partners in the government had further deteriorated so that the political atmosphere

had become "suffocating and noxious for everyone," Reuters report-Mr. Craxi's resignation was proamong the coalition partners, espe-

cially between the Socialists and the majority Christian Democrats. Political analysts are unsure how first resigned in October 1985, over the situation will develop but agree

if Mr. Andreotti does succeed, his government would not last long be-

likely outcome will be national elections a year ahead of schedule. After several days of consultations with senior politicians. Mr.

Cossiga is expected to designate a prime minister by Saturday. There is wide agreement in the coalition that the candidate should be a Christian Democrat. The party has been frustrated at the way in which Mr. Craxi has undermined their traditional domination of

politics. The Christian Democrats say their only candidate for the post is Mr. Andreotti, 68, who has led five

previous eovernments. Some senior Socialists hint that they will not accept Mr. Andreotti

but the Christian Democrats say they will not tolerate a veto. Even if his candidacy is accept voked by continuous disputes ed, Mr. Andreotti will need all his

skill as an expert in making political deals to reconstruct the coali-Many analysts believe that even

Wednesday but the announcement by Mr. Gorbachev that the Soviet Union was willing to reach a separate agreement on intermediatefore being split by further disputes. See ARMS, Page 6

U.K. Moves

To Extradite

By Karen DeYoung

Tuesday that sufficient evidence exists to extradite 26 British soccer

fans to Belgium, where they have

been charged with manslaughter in

the 1985 stadium riot there in

Lawyers for the defendants, most of whom are from Liverpool,

appealed the ruling. If the appeal

fails, Home Secretary Douglas Hurd is virtually certain to give final approval for their extradition.

The decision, made by a London

magistrate, followed a four-week

hearing in which evidence consist-

ed primarily of videotapes taken

during the riot at Heysel Stadium

in Brussels. It showed the defendants fighting, throwing objects

and allegedly causing the panic among the soccer fans that led to hundreds being trampled.

The riot, on May 29, 1985, dur-

ing a European Cup final match

between Liverpool and Italian

champions, Juventus, led to British teams being indefinitely banned

from European play. The ban still

stands, although the European

Football Association has agreed to

reconsider it at the association's

provoked national soul-searching

on the causes of such violence. It

also led to new British laws regulat-

ing attendance at domestic soccer

matches and defining new crimes

relating to "soccer hooliganism."

In Britain, the Heysel incident

regular meeting next week.

which 39 persons died.

Washington Post Service
LONDON — A court here ruled

26 in Riot

Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, left, meeting with George P. Shultz, the U.S. secretary of state, in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

U.S. Prosecutor Predicts Decline of the Mafia as Major Threat

By Michael Oreskes
New York Times Service

William J. Casey resigned as CIA director Feb. 2 following surgery several weeks earlier to have a PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island The Mafia, once the iron enforcmalignant cumor removed from his brain. Mr. Casey, 73, was released er of crime in the United States, is a Saturday from Georgetown University Hospital, a spokesman said dying organization and will cease to be a major threat within the next 10 years, according to a leading federal prosecutor.

President Reagan told his na-tional security staff Tuesday that or La Cosa Nostra, will be an orga-tion under strengthened racketeernization that means anything to ing laws and the shifting demo- Sunday night went significantly beany of us a decade from now, or graphics that have made it difficult yound those of other federal officials maybe even five years," said the for Mafia leaders to recruit new who have spoken on organized and that competing views must be fully aired in planning and implewho is the U.S. attorney in Man- Italian-American community.

we do, I think that in four years, the jury in the "pizza connection" five years, six years, seven years, it trial in U.S. District Court in Man-

tributed the decline of the Mafia to drug operations. "I do not believe that the Malia, two factors: the vigorous prosecu-

is something that will be part of our history rather than a part of contemporary America," he said. temporary America," he said.

Mr. Giuliani opened a weeklong
conference here Sunday night on
gling ring. The men, including a
former head of the Sicilian Mafia,
were among 19 who were accused crime in the United States. He at- of using pizza parlors as fronts for

Mr. Giuliani's statements on

His comments came a day before the Maña remained a dominant years in dealing — or not dealing the jury in the "pizza connection" force in an underworld that makes — with the Maña. \$100 billion a year. The commisdozen emerging crime groups.

Mr. Giuliani cautioned that the decline of the Mafia did not mean the end of organized crime. He said that 20 to 25 other organizations, drawing their members from various racial and ethnic groups, had begun to occupy the void left by the weakened Mafia.

He stressed that law-enforceprosecutor, Rudolph W. Giuliani, members from an upwardly mobile crime. In April, a presidential comment officials must avoid what he Mafia's "board of directors" was in mission on organized crime said called the mistakes of the last 50 itself a criminal enterprise.

"Because the federal government ignored, by and large, the problem of organized crime, we permitted one of these groups to grow from localized street gangs to a national, and eventually an international,

cartel," Mr. Giuliani said at the

Mr. Giuliani is one of several federal prosecutors who have undertaken major cases against Malia figures in recent years, including one in which it was shown that the

The British government, reflecting Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's stand on the issue, had promised all possible cooperation with the Belgian effort to identify those allegedly responsible for provoking and participating in the incident, and to assist in their prose-

Most of the evidence presented during the hearing was gathered by Liverpool-area police officers, who painstakingly went through videotapes of the events, selecting those persons against whom they beieved a manslaughter case could be proven, and appealing to the local community to identify them,

The riot began as Liverpool fans broke down a fence separating them from the Juventus supporters and then charged toward the Italians. As television viewers across Western Europe watched, the

See EXTRADITE, Page 2

percent in January. Page 9. Rx for Population Control: Mix Teen-Age Ardor With Pop Music, Let Cool nence seem unusual for Top 40 fare, so is the research and mass communication can be applied

By Larry Rohter New York Times Service

MEXICO CITY - At first glance, Tatiana Palacios and Johnny Lozada Correa appear to be just one more of the many pop music dues that have emerged in Lann America in recent years: an attractive teen-age couple clinging tightly to one another and casting ardent glances each other's

But the message they deliver in "When We're Together," the most popular song in Mexico over the last year, immediately sets them apart.

"I don't want us to lament having lived an adventure, even though my heart is burning within me," she sings to him.

know you are right when you say no," he If the lyrics to this plea for premarital absti-

genesis of the song itself.

"When We're Together" and the duo's follow-up hit, "Restrain Yourself," are the result of a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development intended to help curb teen-

age pregnancies in Latin America.

"When We're Together," which has sold about 500,000 copies in Mexico alone, has risen to the top of the charts in 17 countries throughout the Caribbean and Central and South America, making pop idols of Miss Palacios and Mr. Lozada. It has also been adopted for use in sex education programs and as the basis for television panel discussions on planned parenthood.

To those who came up with the idea and orga-To those who came up with the success is as much a can record and music promotion company. Their nized the recordings, that success is as much a can record and music promotion company. Their nized the recordings. nized the recordings, that such a few parts of consumer objective, Miss Palacios said, was to use pop music your hands. Get orientation." triumph of marketing 250 the latest techniques of consumer "to show that the mind can dominate instinct."

successfully to one of Latin America's most pressing social problems. Latin America's population of 420 million, 60

percent of it under 25 years of age, is increasing by 10 million a year, with much of that growth concentrated among poor, unmarried women, In a typical example, Mexico, the largest Spanishspeaking country in the region with a population of more than 80 million, has a birth rate double that of the United States.

In recognition of that and market research that shows Latin American adolescents prefer music and radio to other media, the School of Hygiene and Public Health at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore joined two years ago with FFL a Mexi-

tested responses to the songs submitted on groups of Mexican teen-agers. The clear winner was an Argentine composer, Juan Carlos Norona, whose "When We're Together" was didactic, but in what organizers called a "subtle and upbeat" way.

"It was important not to appear to be lecturing," said Patrick Coleman, director of the division of population communication services at "But at the same time we did want to emphasize to adolescents that they must be responsible and make decisions about sex themselves."

To drive that message home, two videos were also prepared, each concluding with the slogan: "Friends! The alternatives for your future are in

Copies of the record carried the same message,

along with the addresses of family planning orgawide call for material, and the project directors nizations and clinics in each country that had been targeted. Mr. Coleman said the record had the additional objective of sending "a postponing-sex message, especially for young girls."

conference.

In a region where the Roman Catholic Church is an important political and social force, any advocacy of contraception or condoning of premarital sex in the songs would have aroused opposition and blunted the impact of the project, organizers Johns Hopkins, which coordinated the project. said. So they took pains to skirt those issues and to stress what they call "sexual responsibility."

The unexpected commercial success of the When We're Together project has inspired Johns Hopkins to try the same approach in other parts of the Third World. Pop sones recorded by local artists and carrying a message of sexual responsibility are about to be released in the Philippines, Nigeria and Zaire, Mr. Coleman said.

Commander

Of Lebanese

Weigh Truce

BEIRUT - The commander of

Lebanon's biggest Christian militia

said Tuesday he would consider a

truce but not a final political ac-

cord in Syrian-sponsored talks on

reforms aimed at ending 12 years of

thousands of foreign troops" in

Syria moved 7,000 troops into

Moslem West Beirut last month

and has maintained about 25,000

soldiers in northern and eastern

Lebanon. As many as 3,000 Israeli

troops occupy a strip in the south

Lebanese Army troops prepared

Tuesday to deploy on the main

coastal highway from Beirut to Si-don as part of Syrian moves to

Prime Minister Rashid Karami

a Sunni Moslem, said Monday

night that the country's fate de-

pended on whether Mr. Gemavel

Sources close to the presiden

said Monday that he had agreed to

three central points in the Moslem

plan. Mr. Gemayel has held more

than two months of indirect talks

with the Syrians. The changes

would sharply increase Moslem

representation in Lebanon's gov-

Mr. Geagea said he would not

tolerate any diminution of presi-

dential prerogatives or reformation of the Lebanese Army, both be-lieved to be elements of the Mos-

He said the truce he envisaged would leave militia forces in place

and would set up a new govern-

commander of the Lebanese Forces

for signing the accord, which would

have stripped Christians of tradi-

tional prerogatives and preserved a

The Lebanese Forces have about

8,000 full-time fighters. Separately, Nabih Berri, the leader of the Shiite Moslem militia.

Amal, renewed an offer Tuesday to

exchange an Israeli airman for 400

"My offer still stands and we are

Mr. Berri, who returned Monday

after several months in Damascus

said a demand by Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine for the

release of 400 Israeli-held prisoners

was "rightful, but the procedure of

The clandestine group says it

hill, Alann Steen and Jesse Turner,

and an Indian. Mithileshwar Singh.

The four were seized from their

West Beirut campus on Jan. 24 by

gunmen posing as Lebanese police

national Red Cross."

kidnapping was wrong."

discipline Moslem militias.

"It is inconceivable."

accepted the agreement.

civil war.

of the country.

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

MANILA - President Corazon C. Aquino announced Tuesday the first steps toward funding a longawaited land reform program, but declined to say whether she would redistribute the land on her own sugar plantation.

Mrs. Aquino said she had ordered that proceeds from the sale of nonperforming government assets, which she estimated at 23.8 billion pesos (about \$1.2 billion), go toward land redistribution.

She said details of the redistribution program had yet to be completed although the secretary of agrarian reform, Heherson Alvarez, has outlined an ambitious fiveyear program covering the nation's 25 million cultivated acres (10 million hectares).

The president said the government was considering whether to include foreign companies in the land redistribution program.

Mrs. Aquino, in her first news conference since November, said the greatest accomplishments of her first year as president were a restoration of democracy and a modest economic turnarous also cited her survival in office despite a series of challenges.

in her first public reference to a growing impatience with the pace of her government in such substantive areas as land reform, she conceded that she might have erred in waiting too long to decide certain things."

However, she said she would use her special legislative powers, which she holds before the convening of the new congress, only in matters "of the utmost urgency."

She said that land reform might be one of these areas, and that she had ordered the relevant govern-ment ministries to present her with proposais.

The inefficient public companies that are up for sale include Philippine Airlines, a number of hotels and resorts, scores of big and small corporations and several commercial banks and industrial projects. Mrs. Aquino was asked whether

Italy Signs

An Accord

With Jews

New York Times Service

ROME - The Italian govern-

ment and Jewish representatives

signed an accord last week that

ish life in Italy that had been in

Prime Minister Bettino Craxi and

the president of the Union of Ital-

ian Jewish Communities, Tullia

Zevi, in a ceremony at the Chigi

called an understanding, was a re-

sult of negotiations that began in

1976 but were broken off in 1985

by Jewish spokesmen protesting

existation on the teaching of reli-

ability of Jewish organizations to raise money; assures access to Jew-

ish religious services and kosher

food for hospital patients, people

in homes for the elderly, members

of the military and prison inmates,

and permits Jews in public and

private enterprises to take days off

teaching of Jewish religion in schools if requested by Jewish par-

ents, recognize the validity of mar-

riages conducted by rabbis and al-

low Jews to take oaths in court with

their heads covered.

The agreement allows Jews to

deduct from their taxes as much as

10 percent of their income, to a

limit of about \$6,000, as an annual

contribution to Jewish organiza-

would be to return to Jewish con-

trol the Jewish catacombs of Rome.

Excavations in the burial places of

the early Jewish communities, re-

moval of artifacts and control over

access have been a source of fric-

signed a concordat under which

Catholicism ceased to be the state

ian Jews, about the same as before

Protest by Madrid Merchants

MADRID - Thousands of

shopkeepers closed down on Tues-

day and marched through Madrid

to protest unrestricted store open-

ing hours and an increase in rob-

World War II.

There are 35,000 to 40,000 Ital-

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican

One of the effects of the accord

Other provisions foresee the

The new accord regulates the

gion in schools.

on Jewish holidays.

The 34-article accord, formally

Palace, the seat of government.

The document was signed by

force since Mussolini's regime.

she would submit for redistribution her family's 15,000-acre Hacienda Luisita plantation in Tarlac, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Manila, as she had promised during her campaign for the presidency.

"My brothers and sisters are Filipino citizens like everybody else, he said. "We will abide by any laws that are enacted. Whatever is recommended to me I will do."

■ 2 Assassinated in Manila

Gunmen assassinated a senior military officer and his driver in Manila on Tuesday, The Associated Press reported.

Military officials said three men shot pistols at Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Casabar and his driver, Sergeant Alberto Lorenzana, as they waited in their jeep at a traffic light in a Manila suburb. The victims were pronounced dead at the

The government-run Philippines News Agency quoted unidentified intelligence sources as saying the killings resembled attacks carried out by "sparrow unit" assassination teams from the rebel New People's Army in Davao City, southeast of Manila.



Soldiers covered the body of Lieutenant Colonel Benjamin Casabar, who was killed with his driver in Manila on Tuesday. Three men shot them as they waited at a traffic light.

Soviet Assures Australia on Pacific

CANBERRA, Australia — The
Soviet Union offered assurances
Tuesday that it had no ulterior moover the growing Soviet the growi tives in seeking commercial and diplomatic links with the island nations of the South Pacific, accord-

Eduard A. Shevarrinadze, gave the assurance at a meeting with Foreign Minister Bill Hayden soon after his arrival for a three-day visit, the official said.

aying that recent Soviet offers of fishing and other commercial accords with financially troubled island nations were not an attempt to penetrate the region.

The United States has con-

foothold in the area, long regarded

over the growing Soviet military presence in Cam Ranh Bay and Da Nang in southern Vietnam, the of-ficial said without revealing Mr. Shevardnadze's response.

also told Mr. Shevardnadze that Australia was "firmly and unequivocally committed to its alliance with the United States as a fundamental of our national interests, the official said.

Moscow supported a political settlement in Afghanistan to bring about an early withdrawal of Soviet troops, according to the official.

The Soviet official's visit had an

confronted by a Jewish activist soon after his arrival at the topsecurity Royal Australian Air Force Fairbairn base.

Devahl Davis, a Jewish community leader and academic from New South Wales University, lined up with the official welcoming party and surprised Mr. Shevardnadze with a series of questions on the plight of Jews in the Soviet Union. vis that Soviet Jews were "having a

Mr. Davis said later that he man aged to enter the base by simply producing a driver's license.

good life."

Mr. Shevardnadze was also met by demonstrators from Australia's Jewish. Afghan and East European communities when he arrived at

> Mr. Hermannsson said that Mr. Gorbachev had not given any de-tails of the planned changes, which would follow recent legislative revisions of emigration and a general

liberalization of Soviet society. At present, most Soviet citizens wishing to go abroad need approval from special commissions and have to give proof of ideological Mr. Geagea, helped by Mr. Ge-mayel, removed Elie Hobeika as

Mr. Hermannsson said: "He strongly emphasized that in a lew special role for Syria in Lebanon.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party daily Pravda invoked the name of Lenin on Tuesday, thereby investing Mr. Gorbachev's policies with full ideological authority and sounding a warning for his oppo-

Prayda said that Lenin, the founder of the Soviet state, had sought in the early 1920s to cut red tape in Moscow-based government institutions, allow some private enterprise and promote talented peo-

ing to a senior Australian official.
The Soviet foreign minister.

He quoted Mr. Shevardnadze 25

demned the Soviet offers as a dis-

Mr. Hayden expressed concern

The Australian foreign minister

Mr. Shevardnadze said that

guised attempt to gain a strategic embarrassing start when he was

Soviet Hints At Changes On Travel

MOSCOW - Mikhail S. Gorba-

chev, the Soviet leader, has indicatith a series of questions on the ed that changes will be introduced shortly to make foreign travel easi-Mr. Shevardnadze told Mr. Da- er for Soviet citizens, Prime Minister Steingrimur Hermannsson of Iceland said Tuesday.

Mr. Hermannsson said at a news conference that overseas travel was one of the human rights issues that he had discussed with Mr. Gorbachev during a two-hour meeting on Monday.

"As I understood him, there

would not be long to wait for great-ly increased freedom in that area,"

ment to succeed the present paralyzed cabinet, which has not met since January 1986. Moslem ministers boycotted it after stiff Chris-tian opposition blocked a previous Syrian-backed peace accord signed by representatives of Lebanon's three main militias in December

reliability to obtain a passport, a process that often takes several

very great changes in the Soviet Union."

Palestinians and Lebanese held by Israel as a means to secure the release of four foreign educators beld hostage in Beirut. waiting," Mr. Berri said at his West Beirut home. "We are ready to carry out the swap through the Inter-

Prayda said that Lenin had built his strategy around the idea of "perestroika," or reorganization, a catchword frequently used by Mr. Gorbachev to denote his drive for

Zimbabwe Edges Toward Hard Times

By Serge Schmemann

HARARE, Zimbabwe - The bustling department stores and fast-food restaurants and the new office buildings that are being thrown up speak of prosperity and

But there is no toothpaste to be found in all Harare. The best-sellng detergent, Surf, is also missing from the stores, and long-life milk is hard to find. Tires and spare car parts are in short supply.

The shortages hardly seem criti-

cal in a country that stands out in black Africa as an oasis of industry and commerce. Yet to Harare's business executives and economists, they are the first worrying signs of impending hard times. even barring the impact of any sanctions against South Africa or retaliatory measures that Pretoria

Žimbabwe's problem stems from a shortage of foreign exchange, a balance of payments, substantial problem that has been steadily food surpluses, some companies worsening in recent years. But it from the major industrial nations was only when the government be and a degree of self-sufficiency latedly began announcing alloca- born of seven years of international tions for 1987 that the full problem sanctions when Zimbabwe was of the crunch struck home.

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els, already low, ranged from about 40 percent for industries to 55 percent for the commercial sector. Zimbabwean businesses depen-

IN SPAIN, A PREVIEW OF SPRING - Suddenly it seemed like summer in Madrid

as the temperature rose to 23 degrees centigrade on Tuesday, bringing out symbathers in

Retiro Park. Normally, Spain's capital begins to get such temperatures in late spring.

dent on imported materials, spare parts or machines faced sharp reductions in production and earnings and laid off workers. The effect of a further reduc-

tion, particularly of the magnitude expected, can only be described as disastrous," said The Financial Gazette, the conservative voice of Zimbabwean business. "The situation is a national disgrace." The Confederation of Zimbabwe

Industries warned that the cuts could mean the loss of at least 30,000 jobs, and that in a year that is expected to produce 90,000 new job seekers. "Some firms have reached the

threshold of their viability," the organization said. The crisis seemed unwarranted

in a country that enjoys a positive Rhodesia and ruled by a white mi-Reductions from last year's lev- nority.

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But the basic problem was that after seven years of heady borrowing and spending, the bills for the post-independence spree had come utives are prepared to criticize the government publicly. Most, in fact, take pains to give Mr. Mugabe credit for his social policies and his

Under the Socialist government of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe. the civil service swelled to 95,000 workers. His ambitious programs to provide universal secondary education more than doubled the number of teachers, and the dispatch of 15,000 troops to safeguard trade routes through Mozambique raised military spending.

Inflation has cut the spending power of the Zimbabwe dollar by 60 percent in five years. A further drain on resources

were the state organizations that marketed grain, beef, milk and other products and ran the railroad and airline and the steel and iron industry. Because of price controls. inefficiency, patronage and other problems, the organizations were unning up hefty deficits.

At the same time, independence has not created the foreign investment that Zimbabwe had hoped for, in part because of the turmoil in neighboring South Africa.

What brought the problem to a climax this year, economists said, was the accumulation of short-term debts coming due, and the government's rejuctance to seek a resched-

Nevertheless, few business exec-

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support for private enterprise. The approach seems to reflect a

On 2 Networks in U.S. widespread sense of relief among Los Angeles Times Service private business executives over the NEW YORK - News writers belonging to the Writers Guild of relatively benign and pragmatic course that Mr. Mugabe, a pro-America have gone on strike at the CBS and ABC networks and at fessed Marxist, has steered since taking charge of the government in seven network-owned stations after "We're obviously looking at a talks failed to produce agreement on a new contract.

serious situation," said David E.B. Long, president of the Confederation of Zimbabwe Industries. "But I'm still tremendously positive and optimistic. We've achieved fantastic things in seven years - reconciliation, a mixed economy, a positive balance of payments. The success of Zimbabwe is in what has not happened."

Looming over all these problems is the threat of sanctions. In August, Mr. Mugabe threatened to cut air links and take some other measures against South Africa, but when other countries shied away and Zimbabwe took stock of the cost, the Jan. I deadline passed without action.

The greater threat was that South Africa, through which most of Zimbabwe's imports and exports pass, would retaliate against international pressures by imposing its own sanctions on its neighbors.

East German Crosses Border

Reuters KASSEL West Germany - A 22-vear-old East German crossed the border into West Germany on Tuesday after freezing temperatures silenced East German border alarm systems, according to border police in West Germany's Hesse

WORLD BRIEFS

Japan Reports Record Unemployment

Militia Would TOKYO (AFP) — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone of Japan called for urgent economic measures to create new jobs after his government. announced Tuesday that unemployment hit a record 3 percent in Janu-

ary.

The figure was 0.1 percent higher than the December figure, the Japanese Management and Coordination Agency said. It is the highestunemployment rate since the agency began keeping records in 1953.

"The unemployment situation in Japan is getting serious," Mr. Nakasone said. "Urgent economic measures are required in order to cope withthe situation." Officials attributed the joblessness of 1.82 million Jananese to declining Japanese exports due to sharp appreciation of the year

South Africa Frees Detained Priest

JOHANNESBURG (Reuters) — The Reverend Peter Hortop, a Roman Catholic priest detained for eight months under South Africa's state of emergency, has been freed after an international campaign for his "I don't think it is time for a final political accord," said Samir Geagea, the commander of the Lebanese Forces. "We can't see a longterm political agreement with

release, the church announced Tuesday.

The South African Catholic Bishops' Conference said the priest was: released Friday after the Johannesburg bishop, Reginald Orsmond, met the law and order minister. Adriaan Vlok.

He had been detained in his parish of Springs, east of Johannesburg.

shortly after the government imposed a national emergency in June. When challenged in court to show why he had been detained, the same produced a 20-page document giving reasons based on information provided by a schoolboy.

Egypt Questions Libyan Defectors

CAIRO (Renters) — Five Libyan soldiers who flew to Egypt from their units in Chad and sought political asylum were being interrogated Tuesday by Egyptian authorities, official sources said.

The affair seemed certain to worsen Egypt's already bad relations with Colonel Meammar Gadhafi's government, foreign diplomats and Libyan-

Mr. Geagea said he was coordi-nating closely with President Amin exiles said. Gemayel, also a Christian, on an Egyptian diplomats said the soldiers, who flew their C-130 transport plane to southern Egypt on Monday, would be granted asylum once approach to a Syrian-backed peace plan approved by Lebanese Mos-lem leaders over the weekend. He authorities were convinced that their request was genuine. Prime Minister Atel Sedki said the government would decide on the case on Tuesday. said he had not yet seen the plan.

The Moslems "are telling us, "We have agreed among ourselves, take the agreement," Mr. Geagea said.

Poland Seeks to Free Priest in Iran

WARSAW (AP) - The Polish government said Tuesday that it was working through diplomatic channels to obtain the release of a Polish priest who has been imprisoned in Iran for nearly a year.

An Italian Roman Catholic magazine, 30 Giorni (30 Days), reported on Monday that the Reverend Stanislaw Scucinski, who was serving Catholics in the city of Isfahan, was arrested in April 1986, released after several weeks and then arrested again as he tried to leave the country.

The magazine, citing Western diplomatic sources, said the reason for his arrest was not known, but noted that 11 Catholic missionaries have been expelled from Iran in the last two years.

Gandhi Says Pakistan Develops Bomb

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi of India accused Pakistan on Tuesday of secretly developing nuclear weapons, thus preventing normalization of relations between the two countries. Mr. Gandhi made the charge in Parliament a day after press reports quoted a leading Pakistani muclear scientist as saying his country would use the bomb as a "last resort." The scientist, Abdel Qader Khan, denied

making the remark. In January, India and Pakistan came close to fighting a war when both sides massed troops on the border. Agreements to withdraw the troops have since been reached. India and other countries have long suspected that Pakistan is capable of making a nuclear bomb.

Dole Moves Toward White House Bid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senator Bob Dole edged closer Translay to a full-fledged campaign for the White House as the Kansas Republican announced the formation of a presidential exploratory committee.

The committee will handle fund-raising, travel and campaign organizing for Mr. Dole's expected bid for the Republican presidential nomina-

Also on Tuesday, Senator Joseph R. Biden Jr. of Delaware established a campaign committee, taking the first legal step in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Biden, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has said in recent weeks that he will announce his candidacy formally in late May or early June.

Court Told of Bokassa's Cannibalism

BANGUI, Central African Republic (Reuters) — The former cook of Jean-Bedel Bokassa said Tuesday be once served Mr. Bokassa a human body stuffed with rice and flamed in gin, which the former dictator ste for

Philippe Linguissa, now in his 70s and partially paralyzed, went as he told in a hushed courtroom how he was asked to cook a very special race and declined an invitation to share it with the self-proclaimed Central African emperor, who is standing trial on charges of morder and embezziement. Mr. Bokassa has denied the charges.

Afghanistan to Admit Rights Inspector

GENEVA (NYT) - The loreign minister of Alghanistan, Abdul Walik, said Tuesday that his country would allow a special envoy appointed by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights into the country for the first time to investigate reports of violations of human-

Mr. Walik told the 43-nation commission, which is holding its annual meeting here, that Felix Ermacora, a respected Austrian lawmaker and legal expert, could visit Afghanistan. In his previous reports, Mr. Ermacora has relied on interviews with Afghan refugees in Pakistan and other holds three Americans, Robert Pol-sources.

The announcement followed the release last week of the latest UN numan rights report on Alghanistan by Mr. Ermacora, who said that the number of Afghan refugees in Pakistan and Iran had increased to nearly 5

For the Record

A Bologna court postponed until Monday the trial of 20 defendants accused of involvement in the 1980 bombing that killed 85 people at the TV News Writers Strike Bologna train station.

A would be Soriet emigre, Serafim Yevsyakov, taken to psychiatric hospital on Sunday in Moscow after protesting his son's confinement in a labor camp, was released Tuesday, his daughter said. The family has been trying for eight years to emigrate to the West.

Correction

An article from The New York Times in Tuesday editions misstated It was the first strike of network the academic affiliation of Robert C. McFarlane, the former U.S. news writers in the history of the national security adviser, He is doing studies on arms control and the union. At least 525 members Soviet Union for the Georgetown University Center for Strategic and walked out Monday, the guild said. International Studies in Washington.

EXTRADITE: 26 From U.K. Face Trial in Belgium

(Coutinued from Page 1) trapped Italians tried to flee, eventually coming up against a brick wall that collapsed. Of the 39 dead, the vast majority

died of asphyxiation. Most were Italians, but one Englishman and four Belgians also were among the victims. According to evidence presented at the hearing, 276 people were injured. Judge David Hopkin held that

all 26 defendants, men aged 19 to 34. either fought, charged the grandstand or threw objects, which caused a panic that led to the A British lawyer representing the

Belgian government called it the greatest man-made tragedy ever inflicted on a sporting event," and said that the Belgian government was doing its "international public duty" in seeking to try those who caused the violence.

The Belgian case was focused on one "representative" victim, Mario Ronchi, an Italian. The maximum entirely responsible for what happenalty for manslaughter in Bel- pened." gium is 15 years' imprisonment. Three Belgian officials also have Makin, the attorney for five of the been charged in Brussels with in-

None of the defendants disputed police identification of them in the tapes. Defense lawyers argued, however, that while they may have behaved badly, even criminally, the Belgian authorities.

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A defense lawyer, Harry Livermore, said Tuesday outside the . All of the defendants were rethat the British nationals might A Home Office spokesman said

injuries, but not deaths. All I'm requests, usually involving politisaying is that the 26 lads are not cal" circumstances not granted.

In appealing the decision, Res 26, said he was "thoroughly dissat-

istied" with the way the judge had handled the case. He said the defense would argue that "there was no evidence on which a proper order could have been made for extradition" as no evidence was distrue fault for the deaths lay with the closed directly connecting the defendants with any deaths.

courtroom: "If the Belgian Foot- leased on bail, and the appeal proball Association, the municipality cedure is expected to take about six who owned the stadium and the weeks. If the appeal fails, Mr. Hurd gendarmerie had done their job has 15 days in which to decide properly, even allowing for the fact whether to approve the extradition.

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'We Are Armed and We Have Returned,' Warns a Contra Patrol Leader in Nicaragua Nation By James LeMoyne New York Times Service LAS AMAKAS, Nicaragua — The heavily ouietly before dawn as the mist began to lift off with a unit inside Nicaragua, the first time the with a unit inside Nicaragua, the first time the countries of the contract of By James LeMoyne New York Times Service manders say will depend on new guerrilla tac— manders say will depend on new

quietly before dawn as the mist began to lift off their mountaintop base camp inside Nicaragua.

Plocks of parrots eackled overhead while the rebels have allowed reporters to enter the community with them in the last two years. 24. young guerrillas wearing new camouflage try with them in the last two years. In clean the volume of distant many the clean are volume. to clean their Kalashnikov assault rifles, brew rages could be heard as a contra unit fought coffee and speak of the contraction for the contract of the contr coffee and speak of the last six years of war farther to the south, the infiltration route taken against Nicorpous's Canadast six years of war farther to the south, the infiltration route taken

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The enemy has grown stronger," said the patrol's intelligence chief, known as Papillon. When the U.S. Congress "cut off aid to us two years ago, we went without boots, without supplies," he said. "It was a little rough."

"But we are armed and we have returned here partil we liberate our country."

The patrol moved through the jungle carefully and maintained security with a 24-hour guard. The contras were well armed and carried ample ammunition.

last month, according to contra commanders and U.S. officials. They have set up bases. opened infiltration routes and established communications posts in preparation for a major won the last \$100 million of aid for us, some offensive against the Sandinists that rebel com-

Although the sound of distant rocket baragainst Nicaragua's Sandinist government. It is by the journalists has been quiet lately. But the a war that they say has taken about the installations and a war that they say has taken the lives of 5,000 trip offered a look at the installations and weapons on which the rebels will rely in the long conflict that appears to lie ahead.

The outcome of that conflict cannot be easily predicted. It will depend on several shifting factors, including decisions in Washington and efforts to negotiate a settlement with the Sanagain," Papillon said. "Our intention is to fight disputes and the response of the Sandinist army at a time when political tensions are growing inside Nicaragua.

The rebels were well aware of the investigations and debate under way in Washington that Dozens of freshly equipped units like this cane have been moving into Nicaragua over the cohesion and treatment of civilians over the next few months may decide whether they will ever again be granted aid by Congress.

The area visited by the journalists inside Nicaragna lies near the Amaka River in the Jinotega department, a zone that marks the beginning of the almost unbroken jungle that stretches across most of eastern Nicaragua south to Costa Rica. The only condition on the three-day trip was that the journalists not reveal

the route and methods used to enter Nicaragua. The commanders say 12,000 rebels have entered Nicaragua in the last two months. Westem officials put the figure at 8,000 while Sandinist officials contend that only 4,000 rebels have infiltrated.

The contra base camp at Las Amakas was originally built by the Sandinists; their discarded packs, tin cans and thatched buts remain as testament to their presence. The contras say 12 their men were killed by land mines and three were wounded when they drove the Sandurasts off mountainsides.

Fighting appears to have left the border region an abandoned no-man's-land. Contra commanders said fear of war and forced relocation by the Sandinists had driven most peasants from villages in the Las Amakas region, leaving the rebels with a 10-day march to reach the first inhabited areas to the south.

The supreme commander of the main rebel army, Enrique Bermúdez, said in an interview

He said that the contras had abandoned their large border bases and had clashed with Sandinist units 42 times in the last month of infiltration into Nicaragua and that the tempo of fighting would sharply increase in the weeks

He said the contras' first aim was to drive Sandinist units from mountain regions in central and southern Nicaragua that the rebels came close to dominating almost three years ago, before the U.S. Congress suspended aid to

The contras will then concentrate on destroying communications and the Sandinists' supply line from the Atlantic coast to Managua, Bermudez said. He and Mr. Sanchez said they and other top rebel leaders intended to move inside Nicaragua in the months ahead, a claim made in the past but not fulfilled.

Mr. Bermudez said that the rebels would disperse to smaller one of which was seen by a reporter, to present a less inviting target to Sandinist units.

He contended that the rebels were finding support among peasants inside Nicaragua. Mr. Bermúdez said his new strategy demanded that the contras remain inside the country to keep the Sandinists from forcibly removing their peasant backers, as happened two years ago.

He and other commanders said the key to the strategy was successful aerial supply of rebel units since the ailing and tightly controlled Nicaraguan economy makes it impossible for contra units to buy boots, salt, soap, batteries, clothes and other needs inside the country.

"If we succeed in air resupply, the war moves ahead," said Mr. Sánchez, who oversees the rebels' logistics. "If we don't succeed in that, then the war will be interminable."

He and Mr. Bermudez, both founders of the main rebel army known as the Nicaraguan Democratic Force, said the contras needed helicopters to move commanders inside the country and remove wounded men, as well as supply planes and boats.

Firm conclusions about the prospects and bearing of an army that may number more than 10,000 men could not be drawn from a few days' visit with one combat patrol. But the unit visited offered an indication that the contras may prove stronger foes in battle than some observers have predicted, even though they have yet to show the ability to operate as guerrillas and create a network of local supporters to sustain them.

The contras' commanders and most of the fighters interviewed were veterans with three to six years of combat experience who knew the

Nearly all of the foot soldiers appeared to be peasants from 14 to 37 years old. But three commanders who accompanied the unit had

Guard that once served General Anastasio Somoza, the dictator deposed by the Sandinists in 1979. This is a political liability that continues to dog the contras but seems not to embarrass

In addition to the new Soviet-designed Kalashnikov rifles, the rebels were armed with an RPG-7 grenade launcher. In addition, they carried an American M-60 machine gun, a few Belgian FAL rifles, light anti-tank rockets and a 60mm mortar - more than enough firepower for a mobile rebel unit and a demonstration that new American financing is having an ef-

Asked why they were fighting, the guerrillas gave answers that included being forced to flee either because they had been members of the former national guard or had relatives who were, as well as their opposition to a government that demanded compliance with a largely socialist program.

The rebels appear to have a measure of peasant backing, as shown both by the young peasant fighters among them and accounts gathered from a group of nearly 100 peasant refugees met by a reporter.

The refugees fiercely criticized the Sandinists for setting up a single party state, rationing basic food and household items, forming state cooperatives, setting prices for the pe products, and forcibly relocating villagers thought to be sympathetic to the contras.

Reagan Approval Rating Drops to a 4-Year Low

By E.J. Dionne Jr. New York Times Service NEW YORK - President Roning has phinged to its lowest level in more than four years, according to the latest New York Times-CBS

News Poil The survey, taken last weekend after the release of the report of a presidential commission on the Iran arms deal, found that 42 percent of those surveyed approved of the way Mr. Reagan was handling his job and 46 percent disapproved.

It was his lowest rating since Jannary 1983, when 41 percent approved of his performance. The survey also marked the first time since April 1983, when the nation was coming out of a deep recession, that more Americans dis approved than approved of Mr. Reagan's

The president's approval rating dropped 10 percentage points since

World Food Stocks Rise Dramatically

Washington Post Service NEW DELHI - Abundant mission, and a large majority said rains, combined with expanding. Mr. Reagan's age would not preand irrigation, have led to dramatic final two years in office, increases in worldwide food stocks. The poll's margin of sampling in the past two years and have error is estimated at pins or minus minimized for the time being the three percentage points.

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Affican countries that only a popularity. This time 52 percent or couple of years ago were the subject those surveyed said they had a factor major international appeals last vorable opinion of him and 19 percent a negative view; in January 43 percent to 25 percent over the average of the second or countries. age for the past five years, accord- cent unfavorable. ing to the report of the United The erosion has clearly hurt Mr. Nations Food and Agriculture Or-ganization, "Food Outlook." It was would vote if the 1988 election were

emergency assistance."

a Times-CBS News Poll five weeks ago. Although this was not as vast as the decline of 21 percentage ald Reagan's public approval rat points Mr. Reagan suffered in November after the Iran affair came to light, it was a significant drop be-

ground from a smaller base of more mmitted supporters. About half the 1,174 adults interviewed by telephone said they believed Mr. Reagan was lying about key aspects of the Iran arms affair. Only a quarter said he was in charge of what went on in his ad-

ministration, down significantly from earlier surveys. Half those surveyed thought the affair was at least as serious as the Watergate scandal, and about as many said it was of "great importance" to the country, as against a third who thought it had some im-

portance and a sixth who thought it was of little importance. Still, 58 percent of those surveyed said they thought the president was a strong leader and 53 percent thought he had "more hon-

esty and integrity than most people in public life." And 62 percent said he would bring the White House staff under tighter control as a result of the

findings of the presidential com-

few isolated areas of the world. suffered a significant drop in his

the second consecutive year of vast-held now, 47 percent of registered ly improved production. voters said they would back former India and Pakistan now enjoy a Senator Gary Hart, the Democrat surplus of grains and have become with the most support in surveys of net food exporters. Only Angola, his party, and only 34 percent Botswana, Ethiopia, Lesotho and chose Mr. Bush. In January, the Mozambique were judged by the same matching had produced a vir-fAO to be "in need of exceptional" malific. 45 percent for Mr. Hart, 43 percent for Mr. Bush.

AMERICAN TOPICS

An Abstract Eagle Sculpture Occasions a Concrete Debate

The Connecticut legislature's management committee has approved an abstract sculpture of an eagle for the new legislative office building despite objections that it is entirely too abstract.

"If it looked a little more like an eagle, I'd feel better about it," Richard O. Belden of Shelton, the deputy Republican leader, told The New York

The 10-foot-tall (three-meter-tall) eagle, made of aluminum covered with gold leaf, is to perch on a 21-foot granite column in the building's atrium and is to cost \$100,000. State law requires that I percent of a state building's cost be spent on works

The sculptor is David von Schlegell of Guilford, who teaches at the Yale art school. He called it "fairly conservative" compared with his other work.

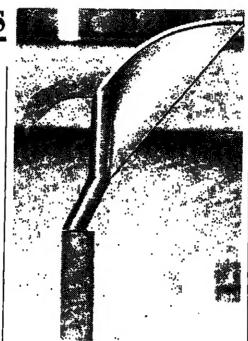
"I hope it will grow on all of us," said the house speaker, Irvin J. Stolberg, a New Haven Democrat.

Short Takes

Three of New York City's most prominent men's chobs must admit women members, the state Court of Appeals has ruled, upholding a 1984 city law. The law states that clubs are not "distinctly private" if they have more than 400 members, regularly serve meals and accept payment from nonmembers "for the furtherance of trade or business." The city had issued complaints against the Century Association, the Union League Club and the University Club. The clubs indicated they might appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Girl Scouts 12 years old and over are switching from the traditional green uniform to bright blue, with green-and-blue striped blouse and green bow Was made after a survey show the girls preferred blue to green. However, Juniors, aged 9 to 11, will stick to green. Brownies, aged 6 to 8, will keep their brown jumpers and beanies. Daisies, aged 5, already wear blue.

A federal judge has restored the American citizenship of Rabbi Meir Kahane, founder of the Jewish Defense League. Born in Brooklyn, he emigrated to Israel 15 years ago. In October 1985, the State Department deprived him of his American citizenship on the ground that he had been elected to the Knesset, the Israeli parliament. It said this constituted voluntary expatriation. But Rabbi Kahane, 54, sued, asserting that he had not voluntarily given up his citizenship and could not be deprived of it. Judge Leo L Glasser agreed.



A model of Connecticut's "eagle."

Atlanta Is Gripped by Fervor To Clean Up Before Convention

Now that Atlanta is going to be the site of the 1988 Democratic National Convention (the Republicans chose New Orleans), the city has been gripped by image fervor. Dan Sweat, a business eader, is prowling the streets with a notebook. marking down each unpainted facade and unkempt alley. Marvin Arrington, president of the city council, is proposing a dress code for taxi

Michael Lomax, chairman of the Fulton County commission, asked, only half in jest, "Can we paint the sky blue?"

Terry Adamson, a prominent Georgia Democrat, fretted that "there are still people around the country who think of Atlanta and Georgia as Tobacco Road, filled with a bunch of rednecks out to deny people their civil rights."

Amid the hand-wringing. The New York Times reports, Mayor Andrew Young was confident the city can rise to the occasion. For example, if there are demonstrations, the mayor, a former chief lieutement to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said, "We shouldn't have any marklesses dealing with "We shouldn't have any problems dealing with demonstrations, mainly because everybody run-ning this city has been organizing them for 20

-ARTHUR HIGBEE

U.S. Ruling Protects Contagiously III

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court ruled Thursday that a person with a contagious disease may be considered handicapped and therefore protected by antidiscrimination laws. Some observers said the ruling could be extended to provide such protection to

persons with AIDS. The court, on a 7-2 vote, held that Gene Arline, a third-grade teacher in Florida who suffered from tuberculosis and was dismissed from her job, could be considered handicapped under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and protected from discrimination.

Mrs. Arline contended that she should not have been dismissed because the risk of infecting her students was minimal and if there were a risk, the school board had a duty to find her another position. Justice William J. Brennan Jr.

wrote for the majority of the court: mine if the person is a danger, and infectious diseases.

person with a record of physical impairment is also contagious does not suffice to remove that person from coverage" under the Rehabili-

The court said in a footnote that the ruling did not touch the question of whether AIDS would be covered by the Rehabilitation Act.

However, groups advocating the cause of AIDS victims noted that the disease, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, like suberculosis, is infectious. They said the Supreme Court victory for the teacher could eventually extend the Rehabilitation Act to AIDS victims.

Justice Brennan, joined by Justices Byron R. White, Thurgood Marshall, Harry A. Blackmun, Lewis F. Powell Jr., John Paul Stevens and Sandra Day O'Connor, wrote that before a person with a contagious disease is dismissed, a job hearing must be held to deter-

"We conclude that the fact that a if so, whether another position could be found for that person. Such hearings would take into account the nature of the risk, the

severity of the risk, and the proba-

bilities that the disease could be transmitted and cause harm. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, joined by Justice Antonin Scalia, said the court's ruling went

beyond the intent of Congress in passing the Rehabilitation Act. James Kellogg, staff attorney for the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, a group advocat-ing homosexual rights, said AIDS discrimination cases had been on bold throughout the United States pending Tuesday's court ruling and

in favor of AIDS victims. "This gives us a clear legal precedent," Mr. Kellogg said.
He said it should be easier for AIDS sufferers to prove they are able to work than those with more

though his approach to diplomacy

was distinctly free-wheeling.
Once in Vieuna, he found him-

self with aching feet during a call

on President Theodor Korner of

Austria. Mr. Kaye asked,

The president, taken aback, said,

"But I'm supposed to ask you

"Wouldn't you like to sit down?"

now appeared likely to be resolved

Danny Kaye, Entertainer, Dies at 74

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Danny Kaye, 74, the red-haired clown of Broadway, the movies and television who was known as the "ambassador to the world's children," died Tuesday.

A family spokesman said death was caused by a heart attack brought on by complications of internal bleeding and hepatitis. He had lived for many years in Beverly

A Rich Comic Sense

By Eric Pace New York Times Service

Mr. Kaye achieved fame on Broadway in "Lady in the Dark" in 1941, stopping the show with his machine-gun delivery of the patter song "Tchaikovsky" — in which he rattled off about 50 tongue-twisting Russian names in 39 seconds.

He had a rich comic sense and an appealing warmth in addition to He had a rich comic sense and an appealing warmth in addition to other performing skills. Before long Nations Children's Fund, begin-

Hollywood beckoned. Mr. Kaye starred in such successful movies as "Up in Arms" countries entertaining young audi-(1944), "Wonder Man" (1945), ences. He reveled in his UNICEF

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" (1947)," "The Inspector General" 1949), "Hans Christian Andersen" 1952), "Knock on Wood" (1953), "White Christmas" (1954) and "The Court Jester" (1956). He won a special Academy Award in 1954, for service to the movie industry

and other achievements. In the late 1950s, Mr. Kaye's movie career tapered off, but he had a successful weekly television variety show in the 1960s.

The real-life Danny Kaye was lean, athletic six-footer with a strongly molded face, but much of his career was spent playing meek

characters who somehow triumphed in the end. "I wasn't born a fool," he once said. "It took work to get this way. I'm just an entertainer. All I want

to be is funny. I never aspired to play Hamlet.

ming in the 1950s. He traveled to Third World

To which Mr. Kaye replied, "So ask me." Recounting the incident, he ex-

plained puckishly, "This is known

Bertrand de Jouvenel, 83, Political Economist

PARIS (AP) — Bertrand de Jouvenel, 83, political economist and pioneer in economic forecasting, died Sunday, his family said Mon-

Mr. de Jouvenel was the author of seminal works on American capitalism and socialism in England. His best-known works include. "Crisis in American Capitalism" (1933), "The Awakening of Europe" and the widely acclaimed "Of Power, History and Growth," The Kid from Brooklyn" (1946), title of ambassador at large, al- published in 1972.

U.S. Says Soviet Arms Plan Makes Key Concessions

By Michael R. Gordon

New York Times Service et proposal on medium-range

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WASHINGTON — A preliminary analysis by U.S. arms negotiaand said the administration was signs of movement on two issues and others would be expected to a proposal on medium-range.

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The Soviet proposal appears to join in disarmament talks at a later.

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Mr. Gorbachev said the Soviet that the United States intended to visit Moscow soon.

et proposal on medium-range missiles includes some noteworthy concessions but fails to address some important U.S. concerns, Reagan administration officials seid Monday.

The analysis was conveyed to officials in Washington after Soviet and U.S. arms negotiators met on Monday in Geneva.

Administration officials said the Moscow previously indicated that drop the demand that the United States agree not to deploy medium-range missiles in Alaska. Both sides Shultz and Eduard A. Shultz and previously agreed that the Soviet Union should have the right to keep 100 warheads.

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Until now, the United States has Union would withdraw some shortsubmit a drait treaty on a several not agreed to the Soviet suggestion range missiles that have been for a meeting, in part because there moved into East Germany and was no movement in the Geneva Czechoslovakia to counter the de-The Reagan administration has portrayed the Soviet move, which was announced on Saturday, as a positive development that could positive the first agreement on nu-

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arsenals would not be considered in Administration officials said

Monday that the United States had outlined its verification plan in Article 9 of a proposed treaty that has already been drafted. The details of the monitoring plan are to be spelled out in an annex to the treawhich is still being reviewed by the National Security Council. Administration officials said

Monday that Defense Secretary

Caspar W. Weinberger last week opposed the suggestion that the United States present Moscow with Gorbachev's announcement.

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was a barrier to an agreement on medium-range missiles. "The Soviets have de-linked the sticks."

positions on whether the adminis-

tration's anti-missile defense plan

Fighting Reported in Burma

bels were killed or wounded, a Thai border patrol officer said Tuesday.

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The Basis for an Accord

Just because Mikhail Gorbachev has come close to accepting Ronald Reagan's original proposal on medium-range missiles does not mean that the Soviet offer is a Trojan horse that Washington should now reject - or a gift horse to accept as is. Too often, such reactions dominate the arms control debate. The cynical response blots out the fact that Mr. Gorbachev's new proposal for virtually eliminating this class of missiles is a major breakthrough. The gleeful response obscures the hard negotiating that still lies ahead. Washington can welcome the proposal, and then start translating it into a workable treaty.

Predictably, initial comments sounded

skeptical. The Soviet leader, some said, is trying to take advantage of President Reagan's current political woes by throwing a big proposal into the White House turmoil. The reverse is more likely. The proposal helps Mr. Reagan politically by showing that the Russians still want to deal with him - and on his terms. The Gorbachev proposal reaffirms the medium-range missile cuts agreed upon in Reykjavik, without killing the president's "star wars" program.

The Gorbachev deal is this: Moscow would destroy all of its 1,323 SS-20 warheads, except for 100 sited in eastern Russia. Washington would scrap the deployment in Europe of 572 medium-range warheads, except for 100 to be sited in the United States. And Mr. Gorbachev, departing from his stance in Reykjavik, no longer insists on linking this deal to U.S. concessions on the Strategic Defense Initiative. Why isn't this the basis for a good accord? It is. By eliminating mobile Soviet mis-siles, the plan would eliminate the main reason the United States deployed medium-

range missiles in the first place. The United States had had no missiles of 1,000- to 1,200-mile (1,600- to 2,000-kilometer) range in Europe since 1963. Moscow had hundreds, but they were in fixed silos and could be readily targeted. In the mid-1970s the Soviet Union began deploying SS-20 missiles, which carry three warheads each and, more important, are mobile and thus hard to spot and destroy. Still more worrisome, it meanwhile pulled even with the United States in intercontinental-range forces. This led Westerners to fear a gap in the American deterrent. The Soviet Union could strike Europe with SS-20s but the United States could respond only with intercontinental-range forces.

After much turmoil in Europe, Washington began deploying Pershing-2s and ground-launched cruise missiles in 1933. But if there were no SS-20s in the Soviet Union that had to be matched, the main rationale for the U.S. missiles would be gone. That would leave Moscow with an advantage in shorter-range missiles in Europe, several hundred against none for America, But under the new Gorbachev proposal, Britain and France could keep, even expand, their medium-range forces. As for shorter-range battlefield weapons. both sides still have thousands. These, and U.S. strategic forces, would still confront Moscow with a formidable U.S. deterrent.

If this deal is so good for Washington. why Moscow's sudden switch to adopt it? That Moscow sees benefits does not necessarily mean serious drawbacks for the West. Mr. Gorbachev needs to demonstrate that he can create a stable international environment for his economic reforms. He seems to recognize that this requires working with the conservative American president, not waiting for uncertain successors. He also ignites squabbling between Europeans and Americans, but that can be overcome.

Hard bargaining lies ahead. Although Moscow is willing now to reduce its shorterrange missiles, details have to be tied down. Moscow accepts the principle of on-site inspection, but the West has to win assurance that the agreement can be policed with confidence. The importance of the Gorbachev proposal is that the overall goal can now be agreed on. The negotiators can finally turn to the important details, and the leaders to larger questions.

-THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Mikhail Gorbachev's latest arms control switch is to take Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) out of the big package in which Soviet diplomacy had bound it with strategic offensive arms and anti-missile defenses. From the American point of view, this move has its complications. Unbinding Euromissiles might make agreement possible on the broad terms long favored by the United States and, not incidentally, let Ronald Reagan come forward as an active international figure with a summit bovering before him. But the move also puts the United States on the spot.

In 1979, NATO, responding to deployment of Soviet SS-20 missiles, set out to negotiate this unprovoked new threat down to zero or, that failing (and it did fail), to deploy matching missiles. Moscow, having declined to negotiate on these missiles. said, after the Europeans had deployed their own in response, that it would in fact deal with the Europeans only in a larger arms control package. The Soviets clearly expected that anxious Europeans would ss Washington to compre dent Reagan's proposed Strategic Defense Initiative to get these weapons out of their midst. But the Europeans, having fought a bruising battle to deploy the new intermediate-range missiles, were not eager to remove them so soon. Moscow, which had failed to get away with a unilateral SS-20 deployment, now found it was further failing to get the political mileage it had sought when it tied the SS-20/Euromissile issue to the rest

of its negotiating package. Now Mr. Gorbachev, switching and probing, offers to accept the NATO position on these intermediate-range weapons, the so-called "zero option," which was first dreamed up by the United States.

The zero option meant what it said. Some

Europeans thought it wrong from the start, accepting it as a negotiating position only when Moscow seemed ready to reject it. One school holds that the Reagan administration proposed going to zero only because it assumed that the Soviets would never pick up the offer. Others believe that their picking it up closes a trap that the West laid for itself. People also wonder if Moscow is tempting Mr. Reagan with an offer of a first arms control agreement that, because of his political vulnerability, he cannot refuse.

If it really is a bad deal, he should accept the immense embarrassment of rejecting NATO's own offer, one reaffirmed as recently as Reykjavík. But it is not necessarily a bad deal - and this is the important part - with the requisite safeguards. True, the Soviets would get some reduction of mis-siles aimed at Soviet targets, and some po-litical credit. NATO could also get a boost to its security, however, if the thing were done the hard way - that is, right.

A proper INF agreement would not strip Europe of its defenses. The American strategic umbrella would still be there. NATO would retain the American carrier- and land-based intermediate nuclear forces it has had all along, Britain and France would retain their national nuclear forces. The European part of the Gorbachev offer could be put to good political use by allied governments, nervous as they are. The Asian part would reduce the Soviet weapons aimed at American friends there.

The crucial requirement here is 1) to ensure reliable verification and 2) to restrict the Kremlin's ambiguously defined "shortrange" missiles, among other questions. The negotiation could be arduous and protracted over these things, but with satisfaction on these counts there could be a deal.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Well Judged in Paris

The French court was courageous as well as morally right when it sentenced Georges Ibrahim Abdallah to life imprisonment. Mr. Abdallah is a terrorist: a leader of an organization that has carried out eight at-tacks on American and Israeli installations in Europe in the last six years. The court found that he shared the responsibility for the murders, in France, of two diplomats, one an American and the other an Israeli.

The sentence was not a simple decision. Mr. Abdallah's friends and relatives ran an intermittent bombing campaign in Paris from late 1985 until last fall in an effort to force the French government to release him. They killed 10 people in the September bombings alone, and there is reason now to fear that the bombings will start again.

Prime Minister Jacques Chirac has managed to leave a cloud of ambiguity surrounding his government's intentions. The prosecutor, speaking for the government, had urged the court to limit the sentence to 10 years, which would have enabled the government to release Mr. Abdallah within a few months. As the prosecutor said, the government's purpose was to avoid further bombings and perhaps to obtain the release of the Frenchmen being held hostage in Beirut. But the judges evidently decided that the government was giving them bad advice and chose not to follow it.

Americans sometimes think it is they alone who hold the line against terrorism. while the wimpy Europeans keep caving in. The United States was in fact publicly lecturing the French for trying to bargain with terrorists last fall when that quarrel was suddenly drowned out by the revelations that President Reagan himself had been repeatedly trying to ransom American hos-

It is also useful for Americans to keep it in mind that the French judges who passed that life sentence faced a more difficult choice than, fortunately, has yet confronted any American president in dealing with terrorism. No foreign guerrilla organization has carried out bombing campaigns in American cities to try to spring a murder suspect. The atmosphere would be some-what different in America if that series of random bombings last September had been in Washington rather than in Paris.

tages with arms to Iran.

It is right for the United States to argue, as it did in the Abdallah case, that democracies cannot give in to the terrorists. But Americans do well to remember that, unlike themselves, the Europeans do not have the luxury of dealing with organizations such as Mr. Abdallah's at long distance. In this instance, the French judges have set an impressive example of moral stamina. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

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OPINION

Mikhail's Gamble: Economic Success or Nikita's Fate

AMBRIDGE, Massachusetts — Mikhail Gorbachev's moves toward "democratizing" Soviet society have raised a storm of interest in the West - but in the Soviet

Union, it may just be a storm. In January, the Soviet leader advocated major reforms in a speech to the Communist Party Central Committee, and on Feb. 16 he said at an international peace forum in Moscow that the need to pursue reforms at home compelled him to seek peace abroad. Then last week, in his most explicit admission that his proposals have encountered opposition, he insisted that "democratization" would not

create disorder in Soviet society.
These moves brought to mind Nikita Khrushchev's attempts at liberalization in the late '50s and early '60s, and also raised a potential parallel: the ousting of Khrushchev by those

opposed to his policies.

Mr. Gorbachev's six-hour speech at the
Central Committee meeting, which twice had
been postponed, made headlines in the West because it advocated changing the way in which the Communist Party selects some of

its leading officials.

Mr. Gorbachev prefaced his proposals by criticizing the stagnation and repression of Soviet society under previous leaders. He did not name Stalin or Brezhnev, but his references were clear. It particular, he attacked the ossification of party cadres in the Brezhnev era, when there was virtually no turnover of

top Central Committee personnel. He proposed dramatic changes in political and economic organization, including the in-troduction of secret ballots in votes for important party officials and the possibility of

several candidates competing for each post.
Western observers seized on these proposals as evidence of a major move toward democratization. But there are strong reasons for caution. First, the secret ballot proposal has been in the party statutes for years - it simply has never been implemented. Second, the party remains an elite and secretive organization, and the elections involve officials who are not chosen by the public. Third, the guiding principle of the party — democratic centralism — has not been diluted.

In fact, Mr. Gorbachev reiterated how important this concept was. Democratic centralism - more centralized than democratic means that party decisions are handed down from above and that, once taken, they cannot be challenged from below. As long as the party remains under such tight control, any

decentralizaton plan will face strict limits.

Still, Mr. Gorbachev is trying to revitalize the party and strengthen his own position by bringing new people into its top echelons. Like Khrushchev, he is using the party to consolidate his own power. But he should remember that Khrushchev ultimately alienated too many vested interests by trying to expand the party's functions.

Some remarkable changes have taken place recently in the Soviet Union. The release from internal exile of a dissident as prominent as Andrei Sakharov, and especially his subsequent freedom to speak out publicly, would have been unthinkable two years ago. The Soviets have also released at least 140 prisoners. Thousands are still behind bars, in labor

By Angela E. Stent

least a start. The three-day international peace forum, attended by many Western luminaries, shows another side of Mr. Gorbachev's new policies. Primarily intended for Western consumption, this extravaganza included an address by Mr. Sakharov and discussions on religion, culture

and, of course, disarmament and peace. Mr.

Gorbachev, who addressed the gathering, is

trying to persuade the West that glasnost, or openness, extends beyond Soviet borders. Yet his policies are still taking shape. His economic reforms, for instance, demonstrate the problems of opening a closed, centrally controlled society. Discussions between

camps or psychiatric hospitals, but this is at Western and Soviet representatives on the new laws permitting joint ventures are a case in point. These laws would permit Western investment in the Soviet Union and joint production of goods. But officials for the 70. Soviet enterprises permitted for the first time to negotiate directly with Western companies are uncertain about how far they can go, and just what they want, because so much of the economic system remains centralized. Many Western businessmen remain skeptical about

the joint ventures law. In another area, the Soviets have released some prisoners and allowed a few prominent . dissidents to emigrate. But they have remained unyielding on the broader issue of

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appears to raise new barriers to leaving.
No one, to be sure, expected Mr. Gorbachev to liberalize Soviet society overnight. Compared to the record of his predecessors, his changes have been almost revolutionary, and the West should encourage them. But his recent moves are also part of a

gamble to secure his personal power. And if he fails to improve economic performance a far more important task than a slight opening up of the party - Mr. Gorbachev's days in the Kremlin may be numbered.

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May I Visit My Mother?

Dear Mikhail Sergeyevich: I have not seen my mother for almost 13 years. My mother is ill now. I am her only son. My father died in 1971 when I was 17.

Three years ago the Soviet Em-bassy in Washington told me, "Under no circumstances will we ever let you see your mother." Later the embassy denied that any of its employees had said that. But it would not give me a visa then, nor will it now.

I hope its stance is simply a temporary relic of the past. Such a stance violates numerous international conventions and agreements of which the Soviet Union is a part. But you will forgive people like me for wondering whether you really meant it when you promised to open up Soviet society and transform its institutions - especially when such a simple thing as visiting your own mother is still denied.

I am not the only one in this position, I learned from a 1976 study that more than 30 percent of adult Soviet emigrés living in Detroit had fathers or mothers in the Soviet Union, while 40 percent had left at least one sister or brother behind. According to my experience and that of other emigres, nothing has changed.

If anything, there are many more in such a situation today. Almost 300,000 people have eiher been forced out of the Soviet Union or have emigrated voluntarily in the last two decades. This means that many thousands of blood relatives are separated. I know of several cases of suicide

among people who could not han-die the strain of separation.

In 1974, the KGB office in the

I "didn't talk too much" abroad it would only be for a year or two.

He lied. But without this lie, he mother's to embrace her son? It is



'Good morning, Comrade. Which face will it be today?'

city of Vinnitsa, where I was born and my mother still lives, offered me the choice of leaving my country or going to jail. For what? For attempting to exercise my rights under the Soviet Constitution, by publicizing the injustice that my friends and I saw around us.

When I was 14, I wrote a letter to the general secretary, Leonid Brezhnev, protesting his domestic and foreign policies. The result? The local KGB opened a file on me and subjected me to constant interrogations. For saying then precisely what you are saying now, they incarcerated me in a mental hospital where I was treat-

ed with so-called discipline shots. Then came exile. My KGB 'case worker" told me that if

knew they would not be able to make me leave my country. But this letter is about my

mother and tens of thousands of mothers like her. She was born in a little Ukrainian village in 1925 and almost died from typhus and malnutrition in 1932. Then came war: She lost her mother, two sisters and a brother. I did not treat her well - because of my political activity, she had to constantly worry about my safety. In 1971 she lost her husband. In 1974 she lost me. Now, although she is not very old, she has developed a heart condition and high blood pressure. There are few things in the world she wants more than to

see her son before she dies. She does not want to emigrate; hard to think of one. This right is so simple that it is absurd to consider it a "right." It is a necessity,

like cating or breathing.

If you believe that I have committed a crime, tell me to come back to stand trial. I will not resist. Otherwise, let me and hundreds of thousands like me see their mothers, fathers and children. People like me are prepared to join you in the fundamental transformation of our country to make it free, democratic and innovative. But as things stand now, as long as we are denied something so fundamental as a visit to our loved ones, we cannot support your policies without turning ourselves into a laughingstock.

 Alexander Amerison, editor of the Chicago based Soviet-

The Iran Affair Was No Accident; Reagan 'Wanted It That Way' eign policy problem, involving Amer- was afraid that terminating the ongo-

WASHINGTON — Lieutenant Colonel Oliver North emerges in National Security Council Conputer messages as both vain and a workaholic, so exhausted by his dedication to causes that he seemed to have no time left for thinking. He talks about fatigue in so many messages that, when read together, they

sound almost like a cry for help.
"Warm, but fatigued regards," is
the way he signs a Feb. 27, 1986, note
to Robert McFarlane. "Am going home - if I remember the way," he writes to Mr. McFarlane on April 7, 1986. "We have to lift some of this onto the CIA so that I can get more than 2-3 hours of sleep at night," he writes to Vice Admiral John Poin-dexter on May 16, 1986. "What we most need is to get the CIA re-engaged in this effort so that it can be better managed than it now is by one slightly confused Marine LtCol," he writes to Admiral Poindexter on June 10. "At this point, I'm not sure who

on our side knows what. Help." North --- who used the name "Project

WASHINGTON — If ever proof were needed of that old politi-

cal adage, "What goes around, comes around," last week's drama in Wash-ington supplied it. Watching former Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine

read out the Tower commission's in-

dictment of the breakdown in Ronald

Reagan's White House, and seeing

the embattled president turn to for-mer Senator Howard Baker of Ten-

nessee to lead the effort to revive a

shattered administration, you had to be struck by the ironies of history.

Mr. Baker, once saw themselves as

contenders for the presidency. They

not only lost the prize but have had reason to feel humiliated by agents of the man who, having succeeded, has

seemed so heedless of the responsibil-

It is doubtful that Mr. Reagan is

even aware of the distasteful memo-

ries Mr. Muskie and Mr. Baker hold.

But knowing the circumstances will

give you a sense of the quality of these two men, symbols of the

these two men, symbols of the scores of professional politicians who put

national duty above personal pique.

In May 1981, Mr. Muskie was hon-

ored by Notre Dame University with

its highest award, the Lactare Medal

a recognition of his career as gover-

nor of Maine, U.S. senator and secre-

tary of state. As it happened, the

White House decided it would be

useful for President Reagan to speak at the same ceremony. No one of-

fered Mr. Muskie and his wife seats

on Air Force One for the flight from

Washington. In acknowledging five

Republicans on the platform, the president somehow did not notice the

ities of the office he had won.

These two men, Mr. Muskie and

By David Ignatius and Michael Getler his is the second of two articles.

really seem to have a good under-standing about how democracy is practiced in the United States. More in the United States of the control of the United States of the control of the United States of the Control of th important, those above him did not seem to understand it, either. Colonel North is undoubtedly a

smart and energetic officer, the kind you want on your side in a fight. What the Tower commission shows is what can happen when such persons are without supervision by officials with a firm understanding of how the country must work. What both Watergate and the Iran-contra affair also demonstrated in the end, fortunately, is that questionable behavior that seeks to circumvent established U.S. institutions is likely to get uncovered before even worse damage is done.
As with Watergate, the riddle at

the center of the Iran scandal is what the president knew about the mis-deeds of his subordinates. Most of What the computer messages re-veal most clearly is that Colonel port portrayed President Reagan as port portrayed President Reagan as an almost pathetic figure - aloof, Democracy" to describe his private inattentive, unable to remember network of airplanes, ships, cars, dates and details, manipulated by his warehouses and a runway - did not subordinates, a "remote and con-

By David S. Broder

distinguished Democrat whom the

Mr. Reagan could not stay for the

whole ceremony, so when he finished

his speech there was a long interrup-tion while the White House party and press corps packed up and left. Only then did Mr. Muskie get his medal. Yet there was no self-satisfaction

in his voice as he read out the damag-

ing findings of the Tower commis-

sion. It was almost with a touch of

sadness that the man from Maine

said of the ill-conceived and misman-

aged Iran policy, "It is the president

who must take responsibility ... "
For Howard Baker, the turn of

events is even more ironic. He chal-

dential nomination and left the race

he served loyally as Mr. Reagan's

principal legislative lieutenant, using his position as Senate majority leader

shabbily at the 1984 Republican con-

vention in Dallas as if he had been

The small-minded Reagan opera-

schedule decided that this was their

chance to hamiliate Mr. Baker, who

had announced that he was leaving

the Senate to practice law and pre-

sumably prepare for another presi-dential bid in 1988. They no longer

needed him, they figured, and they wanted to make it plain that they did

not want him to succeed Mr. Reagan.

Mr. Reagan's worst critic.

enged Mr. Reagan for the 1980 presi-

university was about to honor.

be that the Iran affair was Ronald Reagan's policy. The Reagan administration decided to trade arms for hostages, despite strong opposition from the secretaries of state and defense, because the president wanted it that way. Each time his senior advisers thought they had squeiched the policy, the president revived it. The Tower report suggests that for Mr. Reagan, freeing the hostages became a personal goal - something he favored so deeply that the views of his advisers became irrelevant

The discussion of Mr. Reagan's role has focused almost entirely on whether he did or did not orally approve the first delivery of U.S. weapons to Iran by Israel. "I don't reme ber - period," the president told the panel. Fair enough. But there is considerable evidence that he approved - indeed, urged - subsequent shipments of arms because of his commitment to freeing the hostages.

The hostages were the sort of for-

It 'Comes Around' for Muskie, Baker

So Mr. Baker arrived in Dallas to

learn that his convention speech had

been scheduled at a time when the

television networks would cut away

to their local affiliates for commer-

cials and local news. He told the

White House aides to take that sched-

ule and stuff it. They shifted his time.

But the same ego-inflated Reagan op-eratives who had ordered the dele-

gates to be attentive while Jeane

Kirkpatrick and Paul Laxalt spoke

held loud conversations in plain view

of the podium during Mr. Baker's speech. The hall was in uproar.

He was still steaming. I asked, "Sens

tor, can you really imagine the people

in that hall making you their nominee in four years?" "Either they'll have

to change," he said, "or I will. And

aside his own ambitions to help save

this presidency, and — mark my words — he will be attacked by the

But he, like Mr. Muskie, has dem-

onstrated that professional politi-

cians — who respect each other be-

cause they respect a process of

personal ambitions, successes or set-

backs - are the ultimate resource of

leadership for America. Those peo-

ple, unlike the amateurs and ideo-

logues, treat today's adversaries with

respect, because they know they may

be tomorrow's allies. They know that

The Washington Post,

what goes around, comes around.

Mr. Baker has not changed, but

I'm too old to change."

after Mr. Reagan won the New circumstances have. Now the man Hampshire primary. For four years who was scorned has willingly put

to carry one presidential initiative same unforgiving ideologues who after another. Yet he was treated as sought to humiliate him in Dallas.

tives who controlled the convention government that is bigger than any

I saw Mr. Baker the next morning.

anything new on the hostages?"
As with Watergate, the nightmare
of the Iran affair was that once the **NORTH**

arms dealing started in August 1985; it developed its own momentum. In December 1985, Colonel North wrote to Admiral Poindexter: "We are ... too far along with the Iranians to risk turning back now." George Shultz and Caspar Weinberger strongly disagreed, but they failed to persuade Mr. Reagan.

Each time the program seemed about to collapse of its own weight, Mr. Reagan helped rescue it. For example, a consensus seemed to have emerged among his top advisers at a meeting on Dec. 7, 1985, that the arms dealing should be stopped. When Mr. McFarlane delivered this meeting on London to the Tower report for democracy in CentAm." message the next day in London to Manucher Ghorbanifar, the Iranian intermediary warned that if the arms trading stopped, "one or more of the hostages would be executed."

President Reagan apparently was ting the operation go shead ... He

cans in danger abroad, that directly ing discussions ... could lead to Mr. Reagan's optimism seems to have carried the day. He was "disaphave asked Admiral Poindexter at each morning's briefing, "John, pointed" at that December meeting that all the hostages were not yet free, "but always looking for the bright side or the possibility that it could be salvaged," Mr. McFarlane said. The same micawberiah spirit — a

conviction that "something will turn up" — prevailed in January 1986 when Mr. Reagan decided, over protests from Mr. Shultz, to ship arms directly to Iran. Mr. Shultz told the commission: "I recall no specific decision being made in my presence, though I was well aware of the president's preferred course and his strong desire to establish better relations with Iran and to save the hostages." Because of growing doubts about Mr. Ghorbanifar, there was a new effort to kill the program in March 1986. But according to testimony by an unnamed CIA official, Colonel

North "kept it alive because of the president's personal and emotional interest in getting the hostages out." There is some evidence that Mr. Reagan knew, at least in general in about Colonel North's fund-raising efforts for the contras. In a May 1986 memo to Admiral Poindexter, Colo-

the Tower report may be a remark from Assistant Secretary of Defense Richard Armitage, who said he told Colonel North in November 1985: "I don't think my boss knows anything about this. I doubt that Secretary of moved by this threat. At a meeting on State Shultz knows anything about Dec. 10, according to a memo written [this]. I think your ass is way out on a

by the CIA director, William Casey, limb and you best get all the ele-the president argued mildly for let-phants together to discuss the issue." The Washington Post.

IN OUR PAGES, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1912: The Coal Strike

of the coal strike is increasing every hour. The railways are reducing their services and one company has stopped operations altogether. Ironworks, tinworks, railway works and potteries are closing down. Prices of country. Sir George Askwith, the Chief Industrial Commissioner, has summoned a meeting for [March 4]. This may indicate that the Government is making an effort at concilia-tion in the coal dispute on new lines. There is reason to believe that the leaders of the men are now endeavoring to secure from their unions greater bargaining powers. It is estimated that 202,500 men engaged in various

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1937: German Mothers LONDON - The paralyzing effect BERLIN - In line with the policy of

stimulating the birth rate, the projected Nazi criminal code, which is expected to go into effect soon, will not only provide stringent penalties for violation of the sanctity of the German family, but also will throw safeall commodities are rising. Disaster guards about the unmarried woman threatens the whole trade of the and her child. To the Nazis, whose primary interest lies in an "Aryan" birth rate within the Reich, these provisions in the same code for the protection of the family and the unmarried mother are not paradoxical. The man who is responsible for the preg-nancy of the woman — whether or no she is his wife - and yet fails to render her "assistance" will be liable to a prison sentence, the maximum term of which has not yet been anindustries have already been ren-nounced. The assistance referred to is. dered idle, in addition to more than a not to consist alone of material aid, million miners and surface workers. but also of "spiritual comfort."

Special Prosecutors: The Issue Is Power

BOSTON — The President by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments. - U.S. Constitution, Article II, Section 2.

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П -We have had many theories on how to interpret the constitution. Now we have a novel one; Ignore the actual words of a constitutional provision and look in-stead to what the Framers of the constitution had generally in mind.

That is the real gist of the argument made by lawyers for Colonei Oliver

ABROAD AT HOME .

North and others against the law that has judges appoint independent counsel to investigate anoughoung in the executive branch. It is a strange argument, far removed from precedent and reason. The text of the constitution, quoted above, explicitly authorizes Congress to have federal courts appoint "inferior officers" of government. That is what Congress did after Watergate, when it wrote the independent counsel statute.

Can the statute be unconstitutional? Colonel North's lawyers and the rest say the law violates the separation of powers: The prosecution of crime is an executive function, they say, so prosecu-tors must be appointed by the president.

The separation of powers is a vital doctrine in the American system, but it is not so mechanical. The Framers did not put the three branches of govern-ment in separate airtight boxes. To the contrary, they often overlapped powers. If there is something untidy about courts making appointments, the short answer is that the Framers made that choice.

The Supreme Court long ago rejected an attack on the constitutionality of ap-pointments by courts. That was in 1879, in the case of ex parte Siebold.

Congress had created the office of election supervisors and directed the federal courts to pick them. The law was challenged on the ground that the supervisors were too executive in their duties to be named by judges. But the Supreme Court held that Article II anthorized Congress to follow that course.

Opponents of the Independent Coun-sel Act say that prosecutors are too important to be "inferior officers." But the constitution confides that decision to Congress. It says Congress may vest the appointment of such inferior officers as they think proper" -- "they" mean ing Congress. It would be hard to phrase a discretion more complete.

Finally, it is said that however sweeping the language of Article II, it cannot have been meant to let judges appoint officials remote from the courts: to appoint stracks and for funding the point, say, State Department officials, rebel movements UNITA and Renamo.

But even if one reads such a constraint into the text, prosecutors are hardly remote from the business of the courts.

in fact, federal courts have been appointing prosecutors for nearly 100 years. A starnte gives the courts power to name interim U.S. attorneys when there are vacancies in any of the districts around the country. The power is often used: There is now a court-appointed U.S. attorney in Boston.

Another powerful argument for the Independent Counsel Act, again recognized in Supreme Court decisions, is the need for this office to have substantial independence from the president

In 1935 the Supreme Court upheld, against Franklin Roosevelt, a law protecting federal trade commissioners from dismissal at will by the president. The court said there could be no doubt of Congress's right to create administra-tive agencies and require them to act independently of executive control." If the independent counsel act is inva-

hid, then very likely the United States's

administrative agencies are unconstitutional. And that is what important figures in the Reagan Justice Department would like to bring about. They have been looking for a chance to argue that the president must control all administrative functions in government, that

there can be no independent agencies. So the argument over special prosecutors is really an argument about power. An executive already inflated beyond the imagination of the Framers wants more power. We are even told, in an age of executive abuses, that investigations of the president must be subject to presidential control. But the men who framed the constitution in 1787 did not write a

charter for self-destruction. The New York Times.

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The article quotes American and

French officials as saying that the nucle-

ar-free zone could have jeopardized U.S.

strategic interests globally, notably in the North Pacific. I do not see how this

could be so in a part of the world which.

happily, is free from strategic confronta-

tion. It is, I believe, accepted that each

region should be considered on its own

merits in terms of the desirability of

We did not negotiate the treaty cyni-

cally. We are not anti-ANZUS. We do not want to bar U.S. ships and planes

from our country. But we do not want

nuclear weapons in this part of the

world. In your report you drew out some of the arguments of U.S. supporters of

the treaty. We think that those argu-

ments are valid and stand up to honest

scrutiny in a way that those of oppo-

Don't Sneer at Gorbachev

In "It's in the West's Interests That

Gorbachev Succeed" (Feb. 20), Tom Wicker refers to the Western belief that

"the Soviet system itself would have to

be destroyed before the life of its people

DAVID LANGE,

Wellington, New Zealand.

Prime Minister.

nents of the treaty do not.

could be improved."

establishing it as a nuclear-free zone.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In Defense of the Treaty for a Nuclear-Free South Pacific

The report in your Feb. 12 edition entitled "U.S. Rejected Pacific Pact After Months of Debate" was recently brought to my attention. I read it with both interest and concern.

What bothers me is the article's misrepresentation of New Zealand's policy toward the treaty to establish a South Pacific nuclear-free zone.

It is true that in this part of the world. so far from the Northern Hemisphere centers of nuclear and military tension, many people want nothing to do with nuclear weapons. We don't need them, and those countries with them don't need to bring them here or station them in our countries. Furthermore, and your article alluded to this, we don't want France to continue its nuclear weapons testing program in the South Pacific. (If these tests are so safe, why not conduct them in metropolitan France?) These factors were at the heart of the initiatives that led to the treaty of Rarotonga being

opened for signature on Aug. 6, 1985. What the treaty did not do was to forbid stopovers by nuclear-armed ships and planes. It allows each signatory to determine for itself whether or not to

Correction

In 'Hungry Africans Are Crying Again.' (Feb. 28), by Jonathan Power, an oditing error distorted this passage referring to Angola and Mozambique: The two countries, by harboring guerrilla organizations hostile to South Africa, have given the South Africans an excuse for

ing. One bears the same argument end-lessly churned out by "progressive" academics, politicians and churchmen: accept transit or port calls by nucleararmed ships or planes. New Zealand Real change can come only from below. adopts the policy of not allowing such visits, but this has nothing to do with the wording of the treaty of Rarotonga. never from above.

The Soviets have put this theory to a thorough test, and where has it led them? If they now believe that the establishment should be reformed rather than overthrown, that more enlightened leadership might be a better agent of change than another cabal of fire-eating revolutionaries, we should not sneer. We should give them credit for this evidence of growing political maturity.

D.E.A. SIBLEY.

Helping the Indebted South

L. Rouald Scheman's solution for Latin America's debt crisis, in "Development Funds as a Way out of the Debt Crisis" (Feb. 27), deserves attention from all those concerned with relieving the back-breaking burden of debt which threatens the stability of both the creditor North and the indebted South.

The social significance of Third World debt stems from the fact that it deprives countries of the wherewithal to permit their economies to grow out of the crisis. They are denied the means to create the employment that is essential for social equilibrium.

Endowing them with the resources to import capital goods and commodities would open up welcome export oppor-tunities to lender nations now so eagerly searching for markets.

Though held by so-called conserva-tives, this view is essentially leftist think-

repay a major part of the interest and part of the amortization into local development funds to be used for investment in industry and agriculture; lending banks would have a say in the use of the fund. Under current strategies, debtor countries find themselves forced to reduce imports, impose austerity measures, cut subsidies, promote devaluation and other deflationary policies, all of which can only generate greater suf-

fering and resentment among the poor. Mr. Scheman's proposal suggests perhaps the least painful way out of the present impasse. The immediate and long-term social benefits from the scheme would far outweigh the temporary disadvantages, generating growth and employment both in lending countries and in indebted countries.

In the end, no scheme will be fully satisfactory unless it is seen to benefit both the borrower and the lender.

FRANCIS BLANCHARD. Director-General. International Labor Organization.

Kindly Don't Interfere

The editorial "For Iraq, Not for Hussein" (Feb. 9) states, "If his departure can hasten a negotiated settlement, why not see if it can be arranged?"

We Iraqis do not allow any foreign country to interfere in our internal affairs; we stick to the principle of noninterference in the internal affairs of other states. It is for the Iragis themselves to decide whether President Saddam Hussein should stay or not.

OMAR A. SATTAR.

A Country Like the Others: So Much for la Différence?

By Michael Dobbs

WASHINGTON — Some of the consensus on fundamental political ismost interesting stories that I covered as a correspondent in France concerned the realm of ideas. Paradoxically, François Mitterrand's election as France's first leftist president in more than a quarter of a century coincided with a growing intellectual disillusion-

MEANWHILE

This is the second of two articles.

ment with socialist ideology. Le libéralisme, the French equivalent of U.S. neoconservatism, was all the race.

The most important idea of all, needless to say, is France itself. "All my life, I have thought of France in a certain way," wrote Charles de Gaulle. I discovered that de Gaulle's almost mystical vision of France as "the princess in the fairy stories or the Madonna in the frescoes" was shared by politicians at opposite ends of the ideological spectrum. Nationalism is a force that unites Frenchmen in a way that it could never unite Englishmen. Gaullists and Socialists, Communists and members of the extreme right National Front can all agree with Victor Hugo's splendid dictum: "Oh France, without you the world would be alone."

France's preoccupation with itself was encapsulated in a remark I heard from Jacques Delors when he was finance minister. He had invited a group of American journalists to lunch in his magnificent suite of offices at the Louvre to try to persuade them that France. under the Socialists, was well on the way to economic modernization. After listening to him go on at some length about "le malaise anglais," I asked him to de-fine "le malaise français." He replied with one word: "nombrilisme."

Nombrilisme, the obsession with one's own navel, is both France's weakness and its strength. It has lost France export markets to more commercially aggressive and internationally minded rivals like West Germany and Japan. But it also has enabled France to achieve something that has eluded my own country, Britain: to ignore the consequences of its own relative decline.

Foreigners visiting France are always impressed by the combustible quality of political debate. This was, after all, the country that invented the terms "left" and "right" - la gauche et la droite - to describe the great ideological divide between those who want to change society and those who want to keep it more or less as it is. Political opponents frequently talk about each other as if they were trainers to the nation. Ordinary people are quick to take to the streets to express their grievances. All this sound and fury tends to obscure the fact that there is probably a greater degree of sues in France than there is in Britain. Take defense policy. In Britain, the Labor Party is flirting with unilateral disarmament. In France, it would be political suicide for any party, even the Communists, to call for the dismantling of the force de frappe, or independent nuclear deterrent. Mr. Mitterrand, who once ridiculed de Gaulle's bombinette, or

little homb, has become an enthusiastic

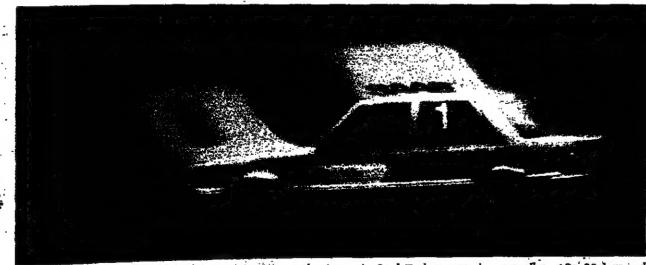
believer in mutually assured destruction. In the French political mind, nuclear equals national independence equals good. No further argument is required. This helps explain why Mr. Mitterrand had little difficulty riding out the 1985 Greenpeace scandal, which was triggered by revelations that French secret agents had blown up an environmental protest ship in New Zealand, killing a shotographer. Most Frenchmen accepted the proposition that the government had every right to thwart attempts to disrupt France's nuclear program.

A similar kind of silence seems to have descended on controversial epi-sodes in recent French history. The Gaullist myth of "Free France" saved the country from a bruising national debate about collaboration with Nazi Germany in World War II, and there is little interest in opening up old wounds. The colonial wars waged by France in Indochina and Algeria also remain sensitive subjects.

The contrast with Britain is particularly evident in attitudes toward the 1956 Suez crisis. In England, essays and memoirs have depicted the joint British-French invasion of Egypt as a major political blunder. The abortive expedition marked a historical turning point for Britain, hastening the retreat from empire and discouraging future governments from going it alone, without the United States. It had the opposite conse-quences in France. The lack of American support for the operation confirmed the French in their view that Uncle Sam was not to be trusted. The development of the force de frappe was one result.

The Gaullist pursuit of grandeur gave France a national project that helped unite the country at a crucial moment in its history. Enmeshed in the Algerian war, France was in danger of being torn apart when de Gaulle returned to power in 1958. Thanks in large measure to the general, and the Fifth Republic institutions he put in place. France is a stable democracy. It is rapidly becoming something that de Gaulle declared it could never be: un pays comme les autres. That France is on its way to being a country like the others - even, mon dieu, like Britain — is perhaps the ultimate irony.

The writer, formerly The Washington Post's correspondent in Paris, now reports for the paper from Washington.



Through torrential rain and blistering sun, the three production-series Saab Turbos pressed on regardless. After 20 days and Through torremain run that the care in a superior of the care flew past the 100,000 km milestone averaging speeds of 213,299 km/h, rugms of sustained may speed of 213.299 km and 208.084 km/h respectively. The times include pauses for refuelling and oil changes (courtesy of Shell), changing the Pirelli P600 tyres and servicing Saab's high-speed test was sanctioned by FISA and run according to its inter-

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All of which combine to make a Saab something to look forward to kilometre after kilometre.





Approved for advanced driving

By Bernard Weinraub New York Times Service

Reagan presidency, and she inrends to remain so for the rest of her husband's term.

ing between the two.

Mr. Regan and Mrs. Reagan were the president's closest counselors. With Mr. Regan removed. Mrs. Reagan plans to develop a "close working relationship" with his replacement former Senator Howard H. Baker Jr., officials said.

ment now because of her husband's finale to his presidency.
sharp drop in popularity as a result Her friends say that some por-

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menting foreign policy. The Asso-

ciated Press reported.

The chief White House spokes-

man, Marlin Fitzwater, said that

Mr. Reagan told about 50 members

of the National Security Council

staff assembled in recent weeks by

Frank C. Carlucci, his new national

security adviser, that "sound man-

agement of the NSC process ulti-

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The spokesman quoted the presi-

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suggested that all levels of the talks

A spokesman for the Soviet dip-

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dent as saying that "views most be Fitzwater said the speech has gone

fully aired. Agency participation through numerous drafts and that

should not be short-cut. I want the "there's been a lot of writing going

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integrity of each of you here."

of the Iran-contra affair and ques- trayals of her as overbearing and tions about his competence.

Other motivating factors for WASHINGTON - Nancy Rea- Mrs. Reagan are an "awareness band's physical and political gan is now far more powerful, more that this scandal could tarnish his health. confident and more politically in-volved than at any point in the one friend, and Mrs. Reagan's confidence in her own political savvy

Mrs. Reagan reportedly plans to not." This was the assessment Monday focus her attention on seeking an of White House officials and close arms control agreement with the friends of Mrs. Reagan following Soviet Union. Her friends say that her successful effort to remove while she knows little about the first lady, particularly Nancy Rea-Donald T. Regan, the White House details of arms control, her interest chief of staff, after months of snip- in the issue stems from her perception that an accord would put to rest criticisms that her husband is unable to govern.

Mrs. Reagan's friends and aides said she has told them that a summit meeting in the United States between Mr. Reagan and the Soviet leader, Mikhail S. Gorbachev, or a Soviet-American agreement limit-According to White House offi- ing nuclear arms, would not only cials and Mrs. Reagan's advisers, lift her husband's standing in the she wants to deepen her involve- polls but also serve as a successful

consideration. Legal issues must be

addressed head-on, and the rule of

law respected. And of course, rec-

ommendations and decisions must

The spokesman said that no one

should infer from Mr. Reagan's re-

marks that he had concluded that

laws were broken in the Iran-contra

Mr. Reagan's remarks came one

day before he was to address the

nation and offer his response to the

Tower commission's criticism. Mr.

firmed that the talks on medium-

range missiles would continue and

suggested that this might also apply

to the parallel negotiations on long-

"Work in this round will go on

beyond" Wednesday, Alexander

Monakhov, a Soviet spokesman,

said. "As to the format and proce-

dure, they are under discussion.

There is a possibility that all three

ber of fish in antarctic waters has nate medium-range missiles in Eu- Rican airstrip used to resupply the

et medium-range warheads to 100

ct Union, the National Marine in Soviet Asia with the United dence that Mr. Abrams was closely

Fisheries Service reported Tues- States keeping an equal number of involved with the airstrip and ef-

such missiles on its territory.

rope over five years and limit Sovi- rebels.

negotiating groups will continue."

range and space weapons.

be properly documented."

demanding have been unfair, and that her only concern is her hus-

"There's an aura in the White House that she's someone to be feared," said Sheila Tate. Mrs. Reaafter six years in the White House. gan's former press secretary. "She's

> "Most of the people in the West Wing - most of them being men - don't know how to deal with a strenuous. gan," Mrs. Tate said.

Some former ranking officials however, said Mrs. Reagan has often proved a difficult taskmaster.

"Mike Deaver had to deal with Nancy constantly - three, four times a day," a former top White former deputy chief of staff. "He had the temperament and the rela-tionship with her to do it, although even Mike would sometimes roll his eyes when she would call for the fourth time."

the Nicaraguan rebels.

source said Tuesday.

Investigators for the Senate com-

mittee probing the affair returned from a trip to Honduras and Miami

with hundreds of bank records giv-

en to them by Adolfo Calero Porto-

Democratic Force, the main contra

The source said the records are

the first extensive bank documents

obtained so far in the investigation

and are expected to show "where

money was coming from and where

it was going." The papers should

indicate some of the sources of the

rebels' private funding, the source

Senate investigators also

planned Tuesday to take a deposi-tion from Mr. Reagan's chief of

staff, Donald T. Regan, at his tem-

porary office in the Old Executive

Office Building next door to the

And the chairman of the Senate

Intelligence Committee, David L.

Boren, Democrat of Oklahoma,

said Tuesday he planed to ask As-

sistant Secretary of State Elliott

Abrams why he had detailed

The Tower report contains evi-

forts to keep it secret.

White House.

The Soviet proposal would elimi- knowledge of a clandestine Costa

you could sympathize with him." Opposes U.S. the former official said.

sassination attempt, his major cancer surgery in 1985 and a prostate operation in December have taken their toll on his physical health and perhaps even on his memory, man of the House committee that White House officials indicated. Mrs. Reagan is expected to continue to monitor the president's tectionist legislation, and that he

varied roles over the nation's history, and some have been quite influential. Abigail Adams was considered one of the most articulate and as early as 1717. Dolley Madison markets for U.S. goods. "won many political victories for House aide said, referring to the her husband in the drawing room," according to one account.

Edith Wilson basically ran the government for Woodrow Wilson after he had a stroke in 1919. Elea- ed last year. nor Roosevelt was deeply involved and widely considered a full part-"Don Resan didn't do that, and ner of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

CIA: Tower Is Said to Reject Bid to Become Agency Head Poindexter To Revert to Congressional investigations continued Tuesday of the clandestine sale of U.S. arms to Iran and 2-Star Rank the diversion of proceeds to benefit

carrero, leader of the Nicaraguan fighting force, a congressional

Robert B. Sims. the Pentagon spokesman, said that Admiral sindexter "will revert as required by law to a two-star rank and be signed to the long-range planning staff of the chief of naval operations here in the Washington

If such an admiral or general moves to a position that is below his rank, he automatically drops a grade unless a new assignment is made within 90 days.

He said that Admiral Poindexter's decision to remain in the navy was "entirely his decision."

WASHINGTON - Vice Admiral John M. Poindexter, the White House national security adviser who resigned in the Iran-contra affair, has decided to accept a reduction in rank rather than leave the U.S. Navy, the Pentagon announced Tuesday.

Under federal law. "flag and general officers" of three-star and our-star rank must continue working in a job designated for that level rank in order to retain their rank.

Navy Secretary John F. Lehman Jr. said Admiral Poindexter's new assignment was selected with an eye to "where his unique experience and expertise can really be of genuine help in the strategic planning of the navy."

Mr. Reagan's age, the 1981 as-

WASHINGTON - The chairwill draft trade legislation said Tuesday that he would oppose proschedule to assure that it is not too doubted Congress would give troustreamous.

doubted Congress would give troustreamous. Presidents' wives have played port competition.

Representative Dan Rostenkowski, Democrat of Illinois, said the House Ways and Means Committee would draft the trade bill with a advocated the abolition of slavery view to winning access to foreign

In a speech to the National Press Club, Mr. Rostenkowski said protectionist legislation might make the U.S. trade deficit even worse than the record \$169 billion report-

"It wouldn't solve the problem," he said. "In fact, it might make it

Mr. Rostenkowski said he would urge lawmakers "to avoid the temptation to seek revenge and try to construct a policy that will gradually bring America back."

His address took on a conciliatory tone toward U.S. trading partners as Congress prepares delibera-tions on the trade bill, which he expects Congress will pass this

In the past, trade bills to protect specific industry have attracted numerous amendments to protect other producers and have resulted in a veto pledge from the Reagan administration, which opposes pro-

"I don't think we accomplish anything by singling out any one industry." Mr. Rostenkowski said. Mr. Rostenkowski supports the

thrust of legislation approved by the House last year that would have restricted imports from countries that did not cut their trade surpluses with the United States in the next three years.

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(Continued from Page 1) federal authorities by Mr. Pollard, an American naval analyst who

pleaded guilty to spying for Israel. Mr. Pollard, who has been coop- whether Mr. Sella had been part of erating with the government, was that dismantled unit or whether Isscheduled to be sentenced in U.S. rael had taken any disciplinary ac-District Court in Washington on Wednesday, along with his wife, already been identified along with who pleaded guilty to lesser three other Israelis as conspirators charges.

Mr. Pollard, 32 faces a possible sentence of life imprisonment. His wife. Anne Henderson-Pollard. 26. faces a possible 10 years in prison.

Mr. Rosenne, the Israeli ambassador, reiterated the position that was to be promoted." the entire operation was unautho-

He said that the highest levels of for the spy ring had been "disman- official said.

tled." He added that Israel had cooperated with the U.S. authorities in their investigation.

Mr. Gal declined to comment on tion against Mr. Sella, who had in the criminal case pending in Washington.

A Reagan administration official familiar with the matter said the administration's protest to the Is-In regard to the Pollard spy ring. rach government came last week, when "we heard reports that Sella

"We protested here and in Israel that a promotion did not square with Israel's original promise at the the Israeli government had apolo- time the Pollard case was uncovgized to the United States govern- ered that all of those involved ment, and that the unit responsible would be held accountable," the

concerned reports that Mr. Sella had been placed in charge of the Tel-Noi Air Base near Tel Avredone of Israel's largest.

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Israel's reply, the official said was that Mr. Sella was "an out. standing officer" and that "the Pol-

lard case should be behind us." The official added that the entire case had put a strain on relations between the United States and Is-

In an account of his espionage activities that he submitted to the court last week, Mr. Pollard disputed the Israeli government's description of the spy ring as a "renegade operation.".

"The number and type of Israelis who were associated with this affair suggest a high degree of govern ment awareness, if not intimate supervision of their behavior." he said

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SHULTZ: Deng Says Political Difficulties Are Ended

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larity of views that "the Soviets should get out of Afghanistan and Communist conservatives reluctant the communist conservatives reluctant.

out of Cambodia." Mr. Shultz indicated that he made little progress in dissuading China from continuing to sell arms to Iran. He said the Chinese, who are believed to be one of Iran's chief sources of arms, had questioned American credibility following revelations that U.S. arms were shipped to Iran in exchange for

hostages held in Lebanon. Even though he voiced assur-ances that such U.S. arms transfers would not be repeated as long as Iran refused to seek an end to the war by joining negotiations, Mr. Shultz said he expected that Chi-

na's policy would not change. He said that China's opening was "not synonymous with Westernization and cannot replicate any

He added that Mr. Deng and his colleagues appeared determined to follow a "socialist road marked by Chinese characteristics.

their Viennamese clients should get to make radical changes in the central planning system could unleash the kind of violent anti-Western sentiment witnessed during the Cultural Revolution two decades

> But Mr. Shultz said he was assured that there would be "no return to the repression of the past."

> In their meeting, Mr. Deng attributed the recent student uprisings to intellectuals who incited youths in several cities to demonstrate for broader democratic rights, according to U.S. officials who attended the session.

Mr. Deng added that as long an economic reform program was being carried out "there will always be a tendency toward bourgeois liberalism" — a term used by Chipolitical ideas they perceive as a threat to their country's stability.

Mr. Shultz said he was convinced that China would pursue Mr. Deng's reforms because he die cerned a strong consensus among China's senior leaders.

Mr. Shultz held seven hours of talks Monday with other top Com-munist officials, including President Li Xiannian and Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang. He also saw Deputy Prime Minister Li Peng, whose name has been linked with: the conservatives who have opposed an acceleration of Mr.

Deng's reforms. Some diplomats here said the power struggle over China's political course was by no means settled. The analysts said, however, that it was very unlikely that China's senior leaders would allow any disagreements among them to surface

in their meetings with Mr. Shultz. Following his meeting with Mr. Deng, Mr. Shultz flew to Dallan to: visit a management center where na's leaders to describe Western American instructors are teaching modern business methods. In a speech there, he urged the Chinese through more free enterprise.

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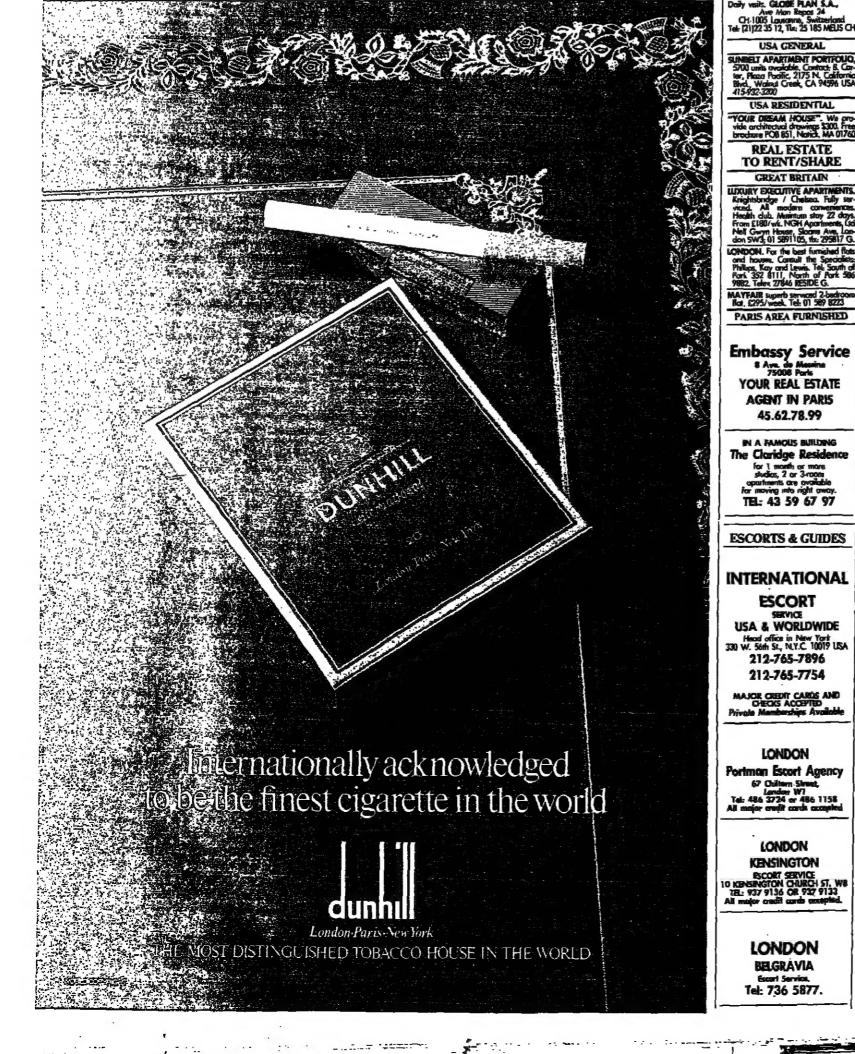
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Unsensational 'High Society'

By Robert Cushman International Herald Tribune TONDON — Even by musical chasm And none of the numbers is Cornedy standards 'High Society," at the Victoria Palace, has an exotic pedigree. The sources are a play, two movies, and a composer's "High Society" movie present others. The audience, lured

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1956 musical of the above, from trumpet cadenza is retained in the which the present show derives its orchestration, a nice touch for title and most of its Cole Porter buffs.) Then there are the ballads.

True Love" and "You're Sensafrom other Porter shows and films. tional," indelible vehicles for Bing All these texts have been juggled by Richard Eyre, director of the Napresence turned a drawing-room tional Theatre's famous "Guys and comedy with no choreography or Dolls" and, from next year, of the chorus into a musical, but inferior

Some of my favorite talents, disgrace) and hard to sing ead and alive, are involved in this:

But they have to be there, and dead and alive, are involved in this: but their collaboration hasn't "True Love" has to be sung on a the primary trouble may be yacht. So they go in, back to back David Toguri reprise ideas from the primary source. Like Barry's in the second act, slowing down their "Guys and Dolls," down to a "Holiday," recently disinterred at the Old Vic, "The Philadelphia Stoment and taxing Trevor Eve and ry" is a mixture of screwball come. Stephen Rea way beyond their vody and comball philosophy, and cal powers. the moralizing gains the upper hand as the evening proceeds. The rich heiress Tracy Lord is about to contract her second marriage. Her subject the movie score by the scruff of its neck, turning "Now You Has Jazz" from a celebrity due into an ensure that the movie score by the scruff of its neck, turning "Now You Has Jazz" from a celebrity due into an ensure that the scruff of t ex-husband, C.K. Dexter-Haven, semble celebration of jive and mak-also rich, sets about sabotaging it ing "Well Did You Evah" into the and regaining her. Watching and high spot of the evening. Here, and is Natasha Richardson's golden girl participating are a reporter and here only, all the elements come Tracy. That she seems to sing and photographer, sent by a scandal sheet. By the end the inflexible Tracy has learned to tolerate other conflict, and pleasantly employs all such as benefits Lauren Bacall people's frailties, and the journal- four principals. ists have learned to tolerate other people's wealth

Soft-centered as it now seems, the Barry play has its own identity and its own rhythm, which the Porter songs keep disrupting, a peren-nial problem with musicals-ofplays. Porter seems to have shared Barry's world view though he expressed it with far more passion and astringency and, being a songwriter, with far more brevity. Eyre's choice of additional numbers is probably the best possible. At least, I couldn't find anything in the Por-ter folio that seemed more pertinent. But though all the interpolations nearly fit, none of them quite

Take, for openers, the opener. It was plainly written about a newspaper, not a gossip masazine - 2. small credibility gap, but collect enough of them and you have a

The play is Philip Barry's 1939 by the title, expects to hear them. Broadway hit The Philadelphia So, even though the show presents Story." The films are the 1940 ver no equivalent for Louis Ariestrong. sion of the play with Cary Grant it retains his "High Society Calypso," or at least a fragment of it, which sounds very bewildering floating about with no audible and Katharine Hepburn, and the means of support (Armstrong's Porter ("True Love" is actually a

together. It forwards the plot, develops the characters and the class may be due to gallant camouflage,

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"High Society's" foursome: Stephen Rea, Angela Richards, Natasha Richardson, and Trevor Eve.

needs to be: maybe another comsets have surprisingly little style, while Eyre and his choreographer tap-dancing wedding finale, as if, without some such salute to showbiz, this would not be a musical.

I liked Stephen Rea's reporter The show is better when it takes chasing about the stage whooping "champagne again and again and again," the infallibly ingratiating tunes, and the conceit of setting the show in 1948, midway between the two films. But the prize consolation dance better than her male cohorts when they turn her loose on Broad-By MGM standards "High Soci- way. Richardson has borrowed

GOT THAT, BRAD? WE'RE IN

BIG ON ... HOLD IT ... WHAT, ED? IT'S OFF? THEN, SELL! SELL,

ety" was almost a chamber musical. some wit from Hepburn, and inher-This stage version is bigger than it ited some grace and merriment needs to be: maybe another comfrom her mother Vanessa Redmercial imperative. John Gunter's grave. But she commands the stage

> There is another musical hybrid in "Lady Day" at the Warehouse, where Dee Dee Bridgewater pur-ports to play Billie Holiday. The vestigial script uses the exhausted routine of star-breaking-up-and-re-miniscing-before-and-during-crucial-performance. It foists on Holiday an explicit self-pity and a gushing over-the-audience that are complex to elaborate here. Elvira more like Judy Garland.

day's rhythmic quality but her deep true voice is nearer to Sarah Vaughan. The show warms up when she settles for being a firstrate jazz singer who for this gig has that he had to write music so me-confined herself to somebody else's lodically rich and persuasive that it repertoire.

OUCH, LOOKS LIKE YOU

JUST DROPPED A FAST

Paris 'Puritani': Still a Star Vehicle

nternational Herald Tribune

DARIS — The star system has tory, its present popularity dates I taken over, at least temporarily, from the revivals (and a recording) in Paris operatic life. After "L'Eliin the early 1950s done for and with sir d'Amore" as a vehicle for Lu- Maria Callas. The work is well ciano Pavarotti, there is now Belli- enough known from recordings ni's "I Puritani," mainly as a that Saturday's audience at the Coshowcase for the American sopra- mique seemed overbearingly no June Anderson, who sang her knowledgeable, shushing the clods role with all the virtuosity it de- who ventured to applaud in the mands and acted it with a convic- wrong places.

leading Italian opera houses - tation and upheaval of war. mounted it with gaudy casting: Sometimes the movements Giulia Grisi. Rubini. Tamburini helped to illuminate or underline and Lablache; a foursome so exem- the music, as in "Suoni la tromba," plary they became known collectively as the "Puritani quartet." Bellini had the good luck for

est Italian operatic librettists. But book larded with inanities and implausible solutions. Set in the period of the English civil war, it osten-sibly tells of Elvira, daughter of a noble Puritan family, who loves and is loved by Arturo, a royalist. Through misunderstandings too thinks she has been abandoned by Bridgewater has some of Holi- Arturo, loses her mind at the end of Act I and does not get it back until

the end of the third and final act. The composer, confronted with this farrago, apparently decided would virtually stand on its own ---

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never been totally out of the reper-

tion and fervor far exceeding the But Andrei Serban, who staged demands of a preposterous libretto. this production originally for the There is a historical aspect to this Welsh National Opera (restaged revival, for the world premiere of here by Mike Ashman), had no Bellini's final opera took place 152 intention of letting the music do all years ago in the Theatre Italien, the work. He labored mightily, with which then occupied the same piece varying success, to provide moveof real estate as the Opera Co-ment and a semblance of drama. mique, where the present revival is Michael Yeargan's sets and coson display. History also reports tumes presented a rude and spartan that in 1835 the star system was in castle interior peopled by roughly full bloom, for the Italien - al- dressed followers of Cromwell; the though in Paris, one of the world's backgrounds suggested the devas-

the baritone-bass duet that ends Act 2 in which the shifting stage picture corresponded effectively to most of his brief career to work the tripartite musical structure of with Felice Romani. one of the fin- the long duet. At other times there was just pointless filler, when all he had fallen out with Romani and else failed, the Puritan soldiery turned to Carlo Pepoli, an Italian could be counted on for a few moexpatriate in Paris, who produced a ments of close order drill. Often enough the singers were required to follow complicated stage directions while singing difficult passages which they managed well enough. In particular Anderson, as El-

vira, had to give a convincing representation of mental derangement for two acts, including long stretches where she had nothing to sing. Since she is an intelligent and gifted actress, what might have been silly actually worked. And she sang the music as if born to it, her clear, flexible soprano making light of the music's florid hurdles. She is well on her way to inheriting the mantle of Callas and Sutherland in this

repertory. The real casting problem in "1 Puritani," however, is the tenor. For Rubini, Bellini wrote a part that starts cold with a difficult aris and is littered with notes rising above the staff as high as F. Rockwell Blake was announced as indisposed, and Aldo Bertolo - who hearsal the night before - replaced flinch at the stratospheric notes quence. and won warm ovations at his curtain calls.

Eduard Tumagian as the vengeful Sir Richard Forth (Riccardo) also includes Michèle Lagrange (Eldisplayed a large, rough-edged vira), Giorgio Zancanaro (Riccardo) baritone used without much subtle- and Dimitri Kavrakos (Giorgio).



June Anderson: Virtuosity and intelligence.

ty, and the bass Giorgio Surian was smoothly sonorous as Sir George Walton (Giorgio). Together they had a roaring fine time with "Suoni had sung the second-cast dress re- la tromba," as rousing a saber-rattler as anything in the 19th-century him. He has a small, narrowly fo- Italian repertory. Bruno Campancused lyric tenor and no stage pres-ence to speak of, but he did not gether, although not with much elo-Bellini's "I Puritani," Opéra Co-

mique, March 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 15, 19, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27. The double casting





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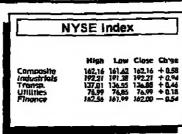


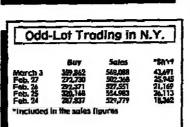
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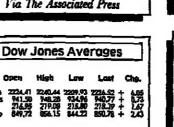
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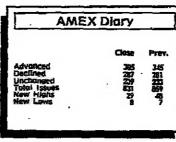


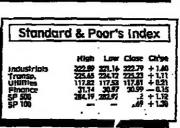


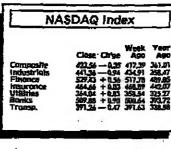


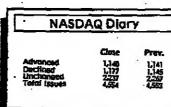
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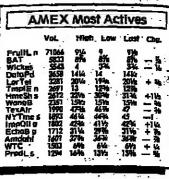












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NYSE Prices Post Modest Gains

Commission's criticisms of the administration's price of an average share up 3 cents. handling of the Iran-contra affair.

Kansas Gas & Electric was the most active handling of the Iran-contra affair. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.05

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cant setback, he said, will attract renewed buy- and Pennzoil jumped 1% to 78%. Ernie Rudnet, manager of block trading at

vousness about what Reagan will say Wednesday." But he said overall, the market gave a "pretty good" performance. Traders said government reports that the index of leading economic indicators fell 1 percent in January while single-family home sales

Traders said investors were waiting for Feb-Broad-market indexes climbed. The New ending at 9 1/16 in an initial public offering. York Stock Exchange composite index rose 0.58 BAT Industries followed, easing 1/16 to 8 5/16. point to 162.16, while Standard & Poor's 500- Wickes was third, falling 4 to 34.

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Among other blue chips, Eastman Kodak added % to 76%, American Express fell 1% to 75%, Sears rose % to 53 and USX rose % to 24%. IBM fell % to 138%.

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INTERNATIONAL MANAGER

Statistics Challenge Views On U.S. Career Women

By SHERRY BUCHANAN

International Flerald Tribune ONDON — When it comes to women and careers, as in many other fields, numerical reality does not often match the perceptions. Here are some 1987 statistical surprises compiled by Catalyst, the New York-based

organization specializing in research on working women, and by the International Herald Tribune, that challenge some common views about women executives in the United States. A common perception is that women today either give up their careers to raise a family or decide not to have children in order to make it to the top. Gone is the suphoria of the 1970s and

early 1980s; now there is the post-liberation "You Can't Have It All" syndrome. The numbers tell a different By 1985, women held 49 percent of the

story: A large majority of executive women are having children but they are having them much later in life. According to the U.S. Bureau of

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Labor Statistics' current population survey, 41.9 percent of managerial and professional women from 25 to 34 have children. The percentage rises dramatically to 76 percent for women who are 35 to 44. But in a sample of 206 executive women with Fortune maga-

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zine's top 1,000 companies, compiled last year by Heidrick & Struggles, the international recruitment company in Chicago, just over half said they didn't have any children, indicating that in some corporate environments, women may still have to make the choice between family and career.

Another perception is that women executives' first loyalties are to their husbands and that the wives are the ones willing to move

when their husbands change jobs.

But according to a 1986 survey by Allied Van Lines, the international moving company, 70 percent of the married professional men surveyed said they would agree to move to another city if their wives were transferred. Men 24 to 35 were unanimous in their willingness to move, believing their wives' careers to be as important as their own.

HE PERCEPTION persists that women either cannot handle or are not interested in highly technical or "numbers-crunching" jobs. Certainly, in 1975, only 19 percent of all U.S. bachelor of arts degrees in computer and information science went to women. By 1983, women held 36.3 percent of these degrees and in 1985, 49 percent of the degrees in account-

There's another widely held view that the increasing number of women entrepreneurs are corporate dropouts who start their own businesses because they cannot cope with both corporate life and raising a family. There certainly have been many women starting businesses. According to the latest figures from the U.S. Small Business Administration, from 1977 to 1983 women started businesses at twice the rate men did.

But a 1984 survey by Robert D. Hisrich of the University of Tulsa, in Oklahoma, and Candida Brush of Boston College, specialists in this field, shows that the "typical" woman entrepreneur starts her business only after age 40.

Also, according to an unpublished and continuing study at Michigan State University, among Fortune 500 companies the number of women who drop out of corporate life is only a fraction higher than the number of soale corporate dropouts.

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There is also a perception that women managers operate with a See WOMEN, Page 11

Indicators In U.S. Drop 1%

Sharpest Decline In 30 Months

WASHINGTON — The government's main gauge of future economic activity plunged I percent in January, the biggest decline in 30 months, the Commerce Depart-

ment said Tuesday.

The setback in the department's Index of Leading Indicators, which measures activity three to five months in advance, ended four consecutive months of increases, including a revised surge of 2.3 percent in December, originally reported as a 2.1 percent rise.

In another report on the nation's economic health, the Commerce Department said sales of new homes fell 6.8 percent in January, the biggest decline since October, as the median-price home topped \$100,000 for the first time.

The drop in leading indicators had been expected by economists, who said it confirmed other barom-eters showing that business activity is still languishing after a spurt at the end of last year.

In December, businesses and consumers rushed to make purchases before the new tax law took effect Jan. 1.

The Reagan administration had hailed the big December rise in the index as evidence that the longawaited rebound in economic recovery was under way.

The 1 percent January decline was led by a huge drop in orders for factory equipment and a fall in building permits. The decline in building permits was essentially a correction from December's surge caused by a rush for applications in California to avoid higher fees.

In all, 6 of the 10 indicators contributed to the decline. The other 4 negative factors involved orders for consumer goods, changes in raw materials prices, vendor perfor-

late every day, was the only large-scale Belgian chocolatier still owned by Belgians. But the family-controlled company agreed on Jan. 29 to be mance and unemployment claims. bought for 5.7 billion Belgian The biggest boost for the index francs (about \$150.6 million) by came from climbing stock market prices, followed by changes in busi-ness formations, a decline in the See ECONOMY, Page 13 Jacobs Suchard AG, a Swiss company, bringing a virtual end

Côte d'Or Was Last Chunk of Chocolate Autonomy to local control of Belgium's leg-New York Times Service BRUSSELS — Around the endary chocolate industry.

The announcement of the sale corner from a busy train station, has saddened Belgium as no othin the middle of this city's immier commercial transaction could.

"Côte d'Or was the jewel of

Sweet Belgian Legend Melts Away

'Côte d'Or can't be Don Quixote. We faced very hard competition.

--- Baudouin Michiels, Côte d'Or's president

the Belgian economy," said a financial analyst for a major Bel-gian bank. "We were hoping it

would stay Belgian."

Baudouin Michiels, the president of Côte d'Or and a descendant of one of the company's founders, acknowledged the widespread dismay. "Everyone is heartbroken," he said in an inter-

Since it was established in 1883, the company had become a national icon. It is only a slight exaggeration to say that Côte d'Or, which is French for "Gold Coast," was as widely cherished as the Belgian royal family. Brussels street maps use the same-size lettering to identify the Côte d'Or factory that they do for the king's palace.

The two Belgian families that owned Côte d'Or insist that the company will remain Belgian in character despite the new Swiss ownership. Within days of the sale, Côte d'Or took out fullpage ads in several Belgian news-papers to promise that "Our Good Chocolate Will Never

Given the dramatic shifts in the industry as a whole, many Belgians are not so sure. A wave

See CHOCOLATE, Page 11 more than 215 passengers on non- that the aid consists of loans that

its founder and principal share holder, Edmond J. Safra.

To Lease 40 Jets To American

leasing arrangement.
The 15 Boeing 767-300ERs and 25 Airbus A-300-600Rs will be acquired under necessents with the makers that can be terminated on short notice, giving American mini-mal risk and no additional debt.

The value of the new planes, excluding spare parts and service, is put at nearly \$2.5 billion. American is the fifth U.S. carrier to do business with Airbus, the European manufacturer that has be-

come Boeing's most aggressive foreign competitor. Airline analysts said they believed the leases could serve as a model for other airlines wishing to expand fleets without burdensome

financial commitments. Jack Pope, American's senior vice president for finance, said the arrangement would allow the company to reduce its capital spending commitments by at least \$2 billion

and would shift the "risk of ownership" to the maker. American will "lease" the 40 new jets from the two manufacturers over 20 years.

It will make an undisclosed monthly payment and has the right to "walk away" from the agreement during the first 10 years upon the provision of a 30-day notice.

If that were to happen, Mr. Pope said, the airline would suffer a minimal penalty amounting to "a couple of months' rent."

After 20 years, American has the right to purchase the jets at "fair market value." All 40 planes will be powered by

high-thrust General Electric CF6-80C2 engines.
GE valued the order at more

than \$650 million, the largest it has ever received for commercial aircraft engines. The Boeing 767-300ER can carry

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stop international routes exceeding must be repaid. (Reuters, AP, UPI)

Airbus, Boeing NEW YORK - American Air-All Nippon Signs lines, the third largest U.S. carrier. said Tuesday it would acquire 40 Contract for 10 long-range, wide-bodied aircraft from the European Airbus Industrie consortium and Boeing Co. of the United States in an innovative Airbus A-320s

PARIS - All Nippon Airways of Japan has signed a contract with Airbus Industrie of Europe for 10 A-320 short-hau airliners with an option to buy 10 more, an Airbus spokesman

said Tuesday. The 10 planes on firm order. each capable of carrying 164 passengers, will be delivered between September 1990 and No-vember 1991, it said. If the options are taken up, the contract would be worth a total of \$1

number of commitments to the A-320, which is not due to enter commercial service until March next year, to 439 from 16 airlines, comprising 275 firm or-ders and 164 options.

Airbus announced last December that it had won the All Nippon order over Boeing Co. and McDonnell-Douglas Corp. of the United States.

6,600 miles (10,700 kilometers). Delivery of the planes, which will be used on routes between the United States and Europe, will begin next February.

The A300-600R, which can carry nearly 270 passengers nonstop for about 4,500 miles, will be assigned to routes in the Caribbean. Deliv-ery will start in April 1988.

Airbus Industrie, which groups Britain, West Germany, France and Spain, has already signed large agreements with Pan American World Airways, Northwest Airlines and Eastern Air Lines.

U.S. aircraft makers charge that government subsidies to the consortium violate trade laws. However, the governments say

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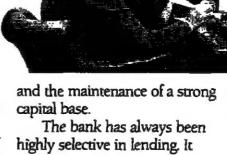
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Ginness, the target of a British government investigation into tactics it need in its 22.7 billion (about the barrant tabancar of Distillers, Most of the £25 million has been recovered in the past Co. last April, made the accusa-Co. last April, made the accusa-tions in a suit it filed last week

NatWest says it is adhering in full, against the Jersey-based nominee

A man water of the state of the company, Marketing & Acquisi-tions Consultants Ltd. In its suit before the Royal Court bank since May 1, 1986.

Montedison Agrees to Acquire Antibióticos for \$450 Million

two months.

of Italy agreed Tuesday to acquire the drug company Antibióticos for 58.2 billion pesetas (\$453 million)

giant, nas ocen seeining to expante abroad, especially in the drug field.

Montedison made an unsuccessful bid last year to take over ferman abroad and the company of the in what a spokesman called the largest private takeover in Spanish

history.

We have concluded talks with Montedison and the deal is pending verification by the Spanish govmment," said a spokesman for Antibióticos, Fernando Garro. Formal regulatory approval is expected within 30 days.

Antibioticos has 9 percent of the Spanish pharmaceuticals market, on's board,

MADRID - Montedison SpA giant, has been seeking to expand menta AR, the Swedish biotechnology group. The acquisition would make the Italian company the world's leading producer of antibi-

also permits Guinness attorneys to

inspect documents at NatWest per-

Mr. Garro said that Antibióticos might use a third of the sum paid by Montedison to buy Montedison shares and that the general manager for Antibioticos, Mario Conde, might be given a seat on Montedia-

of Jersey. Guinness asked for the return of the £5.2 million and obable to determine who controls tained an injunction barring either MAC or its bank, Narional West-ring any of the funds.

able to determine with the court to order MAC to provide copies of all correspondence linking the payment to individuals at Guinness and MAC.

The payment to MAC was the largest single item of some £25 milin its complaint, Guinness lion worth of unexplained invoices charged that Mr. Saunders and Mr. Ward told Olivier Roux, the company's finance officer at the time, to pay MAC for services provided by "unidentified third parties for research into the U.S. wholesale network of the Distillers Co."

But, Gainness said in its petition, "there exists no evidence" that any third parties provided the

faining to MAC's account with the alleged services.

Guinness has not threatened to calls on Tuesday.

NTT Projects 6% Drop In Profit for 1987-88

TOKYO - Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. predicts that its profit will fall by 6 percent to 328 billion yen (\$2.13 billion) in the year ending March 31, 1988, from a projected 348 billion yen this year. Increased competition from new

cutrants to the telecommunications field and a new sales tax will trim profit, despite an increase in sales to 5.51 trillion year, NTT said.

COMPANY MOTES

Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, said it planned to start twice weekly services from Amman to Montreal via Victoria in June. A vice president of the airline, Ghassan Ali, said the final details would be worked out in talks with a Canadian negotiating team that will visit Jordan on March 23. He said he envisaged Alia and CP Air of Canada operating regular flights between the two countries.

Banco de Brasil will close its Macao branch in June as part of a program to reduce its overseas costs, the

ranch manager, Marcio Alves, said.

Benetion Group SpA of Italy said it had reached greement with the textiles company GFT-Gruppo Finanziario Tessile SpA for a joint venture in the financial services sector. Benetton, a clothing manufacturer, has targeted financial services as an area for expansion. In January, it acquired a large minority stake in the Italian unit of the British financial services

group Prudential Corp.

General Motors Corp. said it was reducing the amount of funds it set aside for merit raises for 109,000 substied workers. GM, which has been taking wide-ranging steps to cut costs, said the amount available for such raises would be reduced to 3.5 percent of-

the payroll from 5.5 percent in 1986. Grassette Costrusioni SpA, the Milan-based construction company, said its not profit rose a provisional 9 percent last year to 23 billion lire (\$17.7 million) from 21.1 billion in 1985. Revenue rose provisionally to 260 billion line from 257.7 billion in 1985.

CaC Computers and Communications

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has paid the U.S. Internal Revenue Service \$35 million as part of a settlement of a decades-old tax dispute. The institute also has agreed to spead \$500 million in the next 10 years for charitable purposes beyond the amount normally required by federal tax laws.

Pittston Co., a Connecticut conglomerate, has agreed in principle to purchase WTC International, an air freight carrier based in Newport Beach, California, and plans to merge the company with its subsidiary, Burlington Air Express of Irvine, California. The acquisition, valued at about \$57.9 million, would make the combined operation the nation's No. 2 air

freight concern, second to Emery Air Freight Corp. Porsche AG said its Porsche Cars North America Inc. affiliate would raise the base prices of its 1987 models by an average of 3 percent and the prices of its options by an average of 2.5 percent beginning with vehicles produced after April 30.

agh PLC of London said it would make an offer for General Funds Investment Trust PLC valuing the trust at £89.7 million (\$140.3 million).

Sears, Roebuck & Co. said it would restructure its

distribution operations, a move that will result in the closing of centers in Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Minneapolis, and Memphis, Tennessee, that employ thousands. The closings will save the Chicago-based retailing giant about \$150 million by 1991 and will result in a onetime aftertax charge of about \$20 million in the first quarter of 1987, Sears officials said.

Sandoz to Set Up Joint Venture in Soviet Union

BASEL, Switzerland - San-

would each have 50 percent

stakes in the venture, a compa-

ny spokeswoman said. She said

the size of investment and of

intended production were still

under negotiation and she

The project would involve

production of a herbicide used

to control weeds in cereal and

doz AG, the chemicals company, said Tuesday that it planned a joint venture to produce herbicides in the Soviet Union. The company said it had signed a letter of intent with the

Soviet Ministry of Fertilizer Production. The Soviet Union announced on Sept. 23 that it would allow Western companies to form joint ventures. The ministry and Sandoz

file suit against Mr. Saunders and Mr. Ward. Neither Mr. Sannders, who was dismissed by Guinness in mid-January, or Mr. Ward, who has refused to resign as an outside director, would return telephone

2 Companies Join Bidding pretax profit should rise to around 1 billion kronor in 1987. The results for 1987 will include

could give no details.

maize crops.

For CGCT PARIS - Northern Telecom

Ltd. of Canada and Italtel SpA of Italy have joined three other groups in bidding for control of CGCT, France's second-largest telecommunications company, which is being returned to private ownership.

the Finance Ministry said Tuesday. The ministry had set April 30 as the deadline for deciding which group gets control of ailing Compagnie Générale de Constructions Téléphoniques, which was nation-

alized in 1982. Industry sources said the new bids may delay a decision pending

a review of the five proposals. In its proposal, Italtel, a state-owned telecommunications company, asked for an additional two months to present more detailed technical proposals, and to find a French partner, a company spokes-

woman in Milan said. Northern Telecom said it had been approached by potential French partners. The government has said that

foreign ownership in CGCT would be limited to 20 percent. The three other groups that also submitted bids, as expected, included a joint venture of American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and Philips NV of the Netherlands, Siemens AG of West Germany and

L.M. Ericsson of Sweden.

Pharmacia's Pretax Profit In '86 Rose 11%, Sales 7%

By Juris Kaza

International Herold Tribune
STOCKHOLM — Pharmacia AB. the Swedish pharmaceutical and biotechnology group, reported Tuesday that pretax earnings for 1986 rose 11 percent to 821.2 million kronor (\$127.36 million), from 740.2 million kronor in 1985.

Group sales rose 7 percent to 3.65 billion kronor, Pharmacia said. Adjusted for acquisitions during 1986, sales rose 9 percent. The decline of the dollar by 17

percent relative to the Swedish krona cut about 5 percentage points off potential sales growth. Operating earnings rose nearly 8 percent to 739.5 million kronor

from 687 million kronor in 1985, the Uppsala-based group reported. It said that cost-control mea-sures by national health insurance agencies in many markets had prevented it from increasing the prices of pharmaceuticals, the main product of Health Care, Pharmacia's largest division in terms of sales. It predicted that based on current exchange rates, group sales should reach 6 billion kronor and

The results for 1987 will include for the first time the sales of AB Leo. a pharmaceutical company, and LKB-Produkter AB, a biochemical instrumentation company, which were acquired by Pharmacia but not fully consolidated in

Because of higher taxes and a

appropriations fell to 96.4 million kronor from 599.6 million in 1985. The board proposed a dividend of 1.55 kronor per share for 1986. was swallowed up by Campbell Soup Co. In 1979, Callebaut was up from 1.25 kronor in 1985.

He called the 1986 earnings "at crease overall sales. the lower end of expectations" and said the 1987 forecast of 1 billion kronor in pretax profit was also below his earlier projections of 1.1

"Everyone is expecting 1987 to be a year of consolidation for Pharmacia," he said, "so the real ques-

Sara Lee Purchases 34% Of BIC's Hosiery Unit

ing brands is Hanes hosiery.

nonrecurring write-off of good will

in newly acquired companies total-ing 520 million kronor, Pharmacia's profits after taxes but before

Tim Youngman, an analyst with Savory Milln Ltd. in London, said that despite the large write-offs and the effect of currency fluctuations ger to acquire Belgian chocolate lower prices and on a broader and on sales, "Pharmacia's underlying performance is quite solid."

billion to 1.2 billion.

pany has always been run by a member of the two families, which held about 65 percent of Côte d'Or before the sale. The remainder of tion is: How will they do in 1988?" the company's shares were owned by institutions and the public.

public acceptance of the change in ownership by explaining the eco-CHICAGO - Sara Lee Corp., the food and consumer products nomics of the chocolate business. group, said Tuesday it agreed to buy 34 percent of DIM SA, the and there are imperatives of logic," he said. Despite a large increase in Paris-based hosiery subsidiary of BIC SA of France, for \$84 million. foreign sales over the past decade, he argues, Côte d'Or was too small

The investment in DIM, which bad 1985 sales of about \$260 million, includes 360,537 new DIM shares valued at \$51 million and a loan of \$33 million, convertible into shares. One of Sara Lee's exist-

WOMEN: Perceptions Challenged

distinctively "female" style: They

are more intuitive, better with people and less concerned with office

But, according to a report by Catalyst last month, there is little evidence to suggest that women managers have different managerial styles. They based this conclusion on a 1981 comprehensive study by Anne Harlan and Carol Weiss at the Wellesley College Center for Research on Women. which found no significant difference between women and men managers' need for achievement nower, dominance or motivation to

The notion remains that women serving on corporate boards are recruited mainly from academia and the arts and do not have a business

Yet according to the Heidrick & Struggles survey, 31 percent of U.S. mentors.

(Continued from first funnce page) women on boards have just such

experience. Also common is the belief that as an increasing number of women join middle management, the number of women in top management will rise, too.

But, according to a 1986 executive profile by Korn/Ferry International, the recruitment company, while 35.6 percent of all managers are women, only 2 percent hold senior executive positions. Because they are outside the

"old-boy networks," there is a conception that women believe too often they can make it on their own. In a 1985 study that surveyed 353 women executives from the Princeton Research Forum as well as other successful women executives, 99 percent said they gained greater confidence through a mentor relationship. In the Heidrick & Struggles survey, 81.5 percent of women executives said they had

- CHOCOLATE: A Legend Melts

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Mr. Michiels, 47, is trying to gain

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the United States.

in other European markets and in

"Côte d'Or can't be Don Qui-note," he said. "We faced very hard

competition. Eventually we would

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LONDON — Underwoods PLC

said Tuesday it had been unable to

reach agreement in exploratory dis-

cussions on terms of a bid to be

made by Woolworth Holding PLC.

Underwoods Talks Stalled

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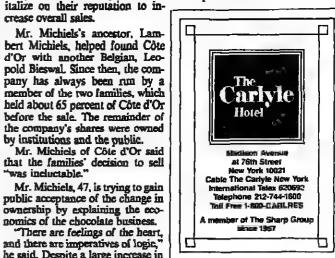
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experienced certain problems. of takeovers in the past two de-For virtually all of its history, cades has left just a handful of tiny Côte d'Or has churned out profits chocolate makers independent.

as smoothly as it made chocolate The erosion began in the late out of sugar, butter and cacao 1960s with the sale of two of the beans from Ecuador. Venezuela country's top chocolate makers, and the West Indies, In 1985, how-Victoria and Meurisse, to Générale ever, it reported a slight loss. Biscuit SA of France. Jacques, another chocolate com-

The company expects to report a small profit for 1986. But Mr. Michiels depicts Côte d'Or and other Belgian chocolate makers as small players that are being pushed or bought out by larger companies.

The big companies, he says, can market the Belgian products at more profitable scale.



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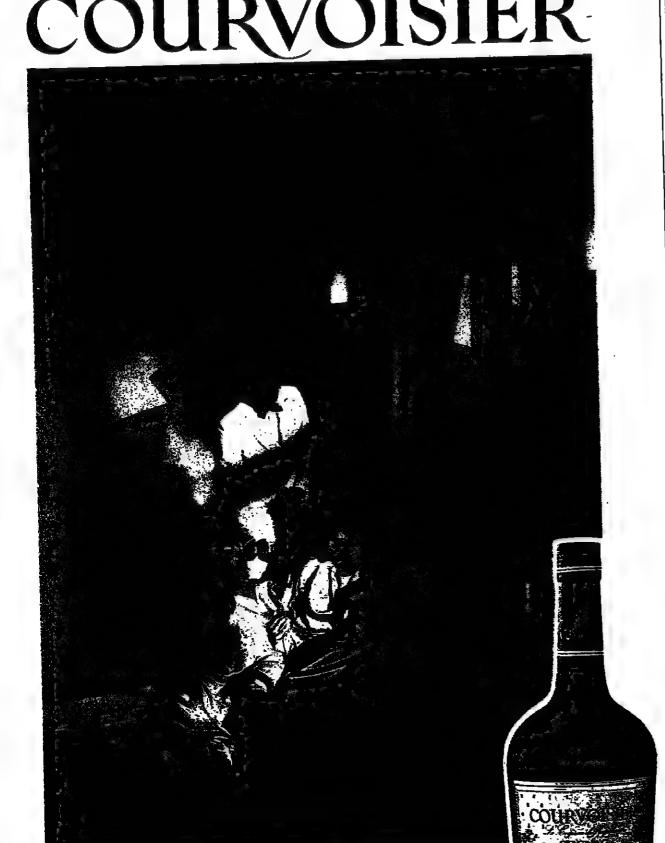
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CURRENCY MARKETS

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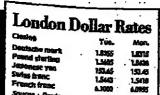
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Dealers attributed the dollar's ascent in Europe to the currency's advance Monday in New York. The dollar closed Tuesday in New York at 1.8295 Deutsche marks, down from 1.8370 DM Monday, and at 153.545 yen, down from 153.625. It fell to 1.5410 Swiss francs from 1.5445 and to 6.0895 French francs from 6.1135.

But the U.S. currency rose against the British pound, which ended at \$1.5610, compared with \$1,5655 at Monday's close. Dealers said that there was virtu-

ally no activity after the White House announced that President Ronald Reagan would make an announcement in the afternoor. Mr. Reagan, in a brief appear ance, said he "welcomed" the Soviet arms proposal, but dealers said there was no reaction at ail



"Part of the dollar's rise Monday was anticipating some sort of agreement on removing missiles from Europe," one dealer said. That was negative for the German mark but it was all reflected in Monday's moves."

"The market still is measurerized by G-6 and is behaving exactly as it is supposed to," said Jim O'Neill. an economist at Marine Midland Banks, referring to an agreement between six major industrialized countries to stabilize the dollar around current levels.

in London, the dollar closed Tuesday at 1.8355 DM, up from ...

1,8315 DM Monday, and at 153.65 yen, up from 153.45. It also rose against the pound, which ended at \$1.5605, compared with \$1.5638. The Bank of England intervened Tuesday to smooth volatile move-

ments in the exchange rate between the pound and the Deutsche mark. The bank's intervention Tuesday, as well as its warning Monday that it would resist market pressure

for an immediate cut in the base lending rate of 11 percent, were viewed as politically motivated. Dealers said that Nigel Lawson, the chancellor of the Exchequer, wanted to hold back on any cut in the base rate until he delivers his

budget speech March 17 to get the maximum impact in a year in which many expect an election. In earlier European trading, the dollar was fixed in Frankfurt at 1.8340 DM, up from 1.8264 DM Monday, and in Paris at 6.102 French francs, up from 6.080. It closed in Zurich at 1.5438 Swiss

francs, up from 1.5380. (UPI, Reuters)

BUSINESS PEOPLE Oil Price Soars

2 USG Executives to Trade Jobs

By Arthur Higbee International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Crude oil prices rose by as much as 96 cents a barrel on Tuesday amid reports that OPEC was holding future corporate chief.

Indonesia's oil minister. Su-William J. White, 48, formerly broto, denied reports that the president and chief executive of Organization of Petroleum Ex-USG Interiors Inc., has become porting Countries was exceedpresident and chief executive offiing its ceiling of 15.8 million barrels a day. Petroleum Intellicer of United States Gypsum Co., USG Corp.'s largest subsidiary. gence Weekly, a New York-based journal, also said the tar-He replaces Eugene B. Connolly, get was being met.

On the European spot mar-ket, Britain's North Sea Brent crude rose 80 cents to \$16.60 a barrel. On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas intermediate crude for immediate delivery shot up by 96 cents to \$17.35 a barrel barrel.

On OPEC News

United Press Internal

to its production ceiling.

ECONOMY:

Slow U.S. Growth

average work week and a drop in

est performance since an outright decline in the recession year of 1982.

economists call the estimate too optimistic.

USG Corp. of Chicago says two senior executives will trade jobs but denies that the exchange is aimed at determining which will be the

55, formerly president and chief operating officer of Gypsum, who has been named president and chief executive officer of the Interiors company. Interiors makes ceiling tile; Gypsum makes wallboard products. Mr. Connolly also joins Mr.

White as an executive vice president of the parent company.

dent and chief operating officer of who has joined the London office cer. The company president, Wil-

Robert J. Day, 61, the chairman.

Denying that the trade was designed to determine a future leader, Paul D. Colitti, a USG Corp. spokesman, said: "It was done to give the management team more depth and responsibility."

TW Services Inc.'s chairman and Smart, has announced that he will retire April 22. He recommended Frank Salizzoni, 48, vice chairman Mr. Smart, 63, sold Trans World Airlines, and last year he liquidated its parent. Transworld Corp., and formed its smaller successor, TW Services Inc., now a food services and retirement care company.

European Brazilian Bank PLC. or Eurobraz, a London-based con-The exchange follows last week's sortium, has recruited Peter Taylor announcement that Ralph C. as senior manager for administra-Joynes, 58, had been elected presi-tion, replacing Peter Sandringham,

the parent, second in command to of Istituto Mobiliare Italiano. Both men are in their early 40s. Mr. Taylor previously was general manager of a Singapore-based reinsurance company.

Occidental Petroleum Corp. of Los Angeles has named Frank H. Romanelli and Charles E. Stewart as corporate vice presidents. Both chief executive officer. L. Edwin will remain executive vice presidents at Occidental Chemical Corp. of Norwalk, Connecticut 2 subsidiary, Mr. Romanelli, 42, for and a Smart associate for 20 years, operations and Mr. Stewart, 51, for as his successor. Three years ago electrochemicals, detergents and specialty products.

> Cox Enterprises has appointed James Cox Kennedy, currently executive vice president of the Atlanta-based media conglomerate and grandson of the founder, to become chairman at the end of the year. He will replace his stepfather, Garner Anthony, 57, who announced last week that he was stepping down as chairman and chief executive offi-

Joy Co. to Merge With Ecolaire

New York Times Service

PITTSBURGH-Roy Wennerholm Jr. has been named chairman, president and chief executive of Joy Manufacturing Co., a mining-equipment maker that will merge with Ecolaire Inc., in Malvern, Pennsylvania, under the Joy name.

Mr. Wennerholm, 55, is chairman and chief executive of Ecolaire, which makes equipment for electric utilities.

Mr. Wennerholm teamed up with the New York investment firm of Adler & Shaykin to purchase both firms in leveraged buyouts, Ecolaire in 1985 and Joy this year.

liam A. Schwartz, 48, will move up from chief operating officer to

THE EUROMARKETS

Sterling Bonds Firm Despite Easier Pound

ned Tuesday to show more interest in the nondollar sectors of the Eurobond market, dealers said, as dollar straight bonds drifted 1/4 to 1/4

LONDON - Investors contin-

The Eurosterling market fin-ished slightly firmer but was well below early morning highs, while the yen market remained buoyant with traders reporting continued retail demand

Amid the wide variety of bonds

The lead manager was Morgan the 2 percent underwriting fees at Guaranty Ltd.

full underwriting fees of 1% per-

Citicorp Investment Bank Ltd. arranged two dollar issues, one of them for a subsidiary of Mutual launched, however, the dollar Life Insurance Co. of New York. Monday. The issue has been instraights were not neglected, with This \$125 million bond pays 84 creased to £115 million from £100 of 716,000 units last month follow-three new issues totaling \$375 mil- percent over 10 years and was million and the coupon was set at 4 ing a 12.1 percent increase in Depriced at 1011/4.

12 Month High Low Stock

Saab-Scania AB issued a \$150 Dealers were not enthusiastic million bond paying 74 percent about the issue's relatively long ma-over five years and priced at 1014.

The paper found firm demand. Sterling straight bonds initially dealers said, and was quoted at a rose by ½ point, but ended undiscount of around 1.60, inside the changed to ¼ firmer after reports that the Bank of England sold sterling to curb the currency's rise.

Credit Suisse First Boston announced final terms for the Tesco PLC convertible bond launched percent

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the money supply. The U.S. economy, as measured by the gross national product, grew just 2.5 percent last year, the weak-

The Reagan administration is predicting growth will rise to 3.2 percent in 1987, but many private

The Commerce Department said new single-family homes were sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate

Brazil Claims Support From France on Growth Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches discussions were in marked con- no longer be solved through reces-

ter. Dilson Funaro, said Tuesday ceived in meetings with officials in he had received support from the United States and Britain, after of interest to banks was a "practi-France for his country's policy of

nance Minister Edouard Balladur and the Bank of France governor, Jacques de Larosière, he said France had agreed to make two export credits and to consider further credits. He called the meeting "constructive because it allows countries like Brazil to pursue a

firm policy of development." French officials made no com-

PARIS — Brazil's finance ministers at to the cool reception he re-r. Dilson Funaro, said Tuesday crived in meetings with officials in

The minister said the suspension Brazil's suspension on Feb. 20 of cal, pragmatic and temporary" step

> Mr. Funaro said Brazil, which has a foreign debt of \$109 billion, intended to resume talks with commercial banks after discussing the problem with creditor countries and securing "some responses from

He blamed the situation now facing Brazil, which had an "excellent" trade position, on "slow and Monetary Fund. After his meeting ment. But by Mr. Funaro's charac-terization of Tuesday's talks, the mechanisms. Debt problems could Lawson, Britain's chancellor of the

pursuing economic growth, and interest payments on its \$68 billion to preserve the country's external also pledges of financial support.

Speaking after talks with Fi
Mr. Funaro said Brazil, which

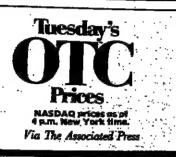
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Mr. Funaro, who later left for visits in Bonn and Bern, said he was planning a similar trip to Tokyo shortly in his efforts to ensure longer-term capital flows from multilateral development agencies.

He said no reference had been made in Paris to the issue of Brazil's ties with the International tance of Brazil reaching an economic adjustment agreement with the IMF, a step that could unlock Fund resources and additional bank loans.

Mr. Funaro has repeatedly rejected such an IMF accord. "Even as a managing director of the IMF. Mr. de Larosière never told us we had to have an agreement with the Fund." he said. Mr. de Larosière was head of the IMF until the end of 1986.

The Brazilian minister estimated French banks' exposure in Brazil at \$6 billion to \$7 billion, about onetenth of the \$68 billion for all foreign banks. (AFP, UPI)



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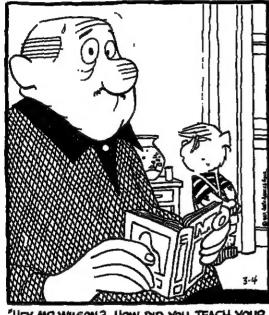
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REAGAN AND GORBACHEV

By Michael Mandelbaum and Strobe Talbott. 191 pages. Paperback, \$5.95. Vintage! Random House, 201 East 50th Street, New York, N. Y. 10022.

Reviewed by Mark Medish

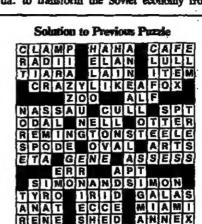
THERE is something proleptic in doing a book now about the Reagan-Gorbachev relationship, since that relationship continues to define and redefine itself. Aware of this difficulty, Michael Mandelbaum and Strobe Talbott modestly call their work an "interim report." Nevertheless, their review of U.S.-Soviet relations in the Reagan era offers a helpful rehearsal of fact and an insightful analvsis of the unfolding significance of the Rea-gan-Gorbachev rivalry, the latest in a line from Wilson-Lenin through Nixon-Brezknev.

Despite obvious differences, such as age, professional background and political culture, the leaders of the two superpowers have some important similarities. Both seem to be exceptionally gifted politicians, even risk-takers; both have to contend with considerable opposition at home; both appear to enjoy great authority over foreign policy and both came to power during times of national "malaise." Fur-thermore, each leader believed that "the way to reinvigorate his country was to return to traditional principles and practices."

An important theme of this book is "the fusion of grand, impersonal historical forces and extremely personal visions and initia-tives." Reagan and Gorbachev are players in a game not of their own making, and they both have ambitions of changing the rules of the game to fit their own objectives.

The authors assert that by the time President Reagan met with his Soviet rival in Geneva in November 1985, "he had begun denying any desire to alter the Soviet system." Five years in office had led him to the conclusion that his predecessors, whom he had roundly criticized for being soft on the Soviet system, were not in fact out-of-touch with the "gravitational forces of international politics." Alas, the "Evil Empire" was here to stay.

But change, in turn, was Gorbachev's agenda: to transform the Soviet economy from



stagnation to prosperity. Ultimately, according to Mandelbaum and Talbott, the Russian leader is constrained by his unwillingness, typical of an "orthodox Leminist and latter-day Stalin"; ist," to see any necessary connection between modernization and democratization, between

economic and political improvement. As this useful book reminds us, American dreams and Soviet nightmares have, paradoxi-cally, recalled the burden of history: the long, hard work of arms control.

Mark Medish, a Mellon Fellow at the Harvard Russian Research Center, wrote this review for The Washington Post.

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have been a much better slam contract, though difficult to uncover using the modern style in which a two-over-one response is virtually forcing to game. A traditional response of two clubs would have been more effective as it happens. South quessed right at the first South guessed right at the first trick, putting up dummy's king and collecting the queen. She then cashed clubs, relieved to find a favorable situation. There were now 11 tricks in view and it was tempting to try for the 12th by finessing in

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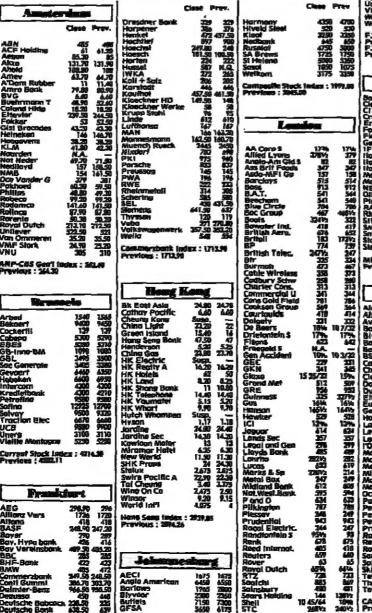
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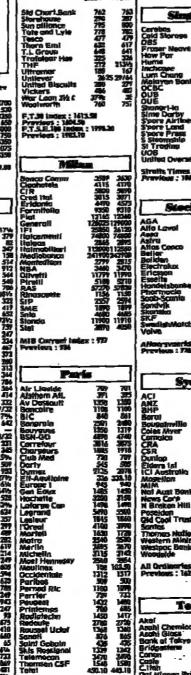
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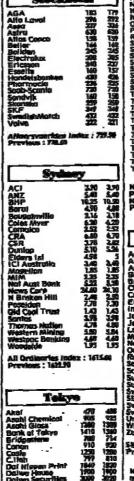


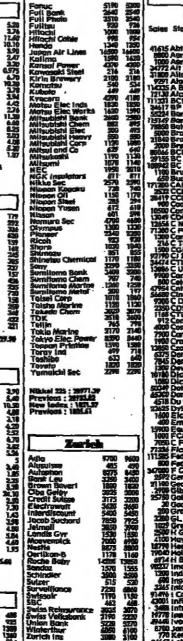
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LONDON - English soccer, on the eve of pleading its said, It is case to be allowed to play again in Europe, had another record in it, major pitch invasion last Saturday. But this time, rather than baton charges, the police

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squashed for hard cash. But here in Britain, a hundred years
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English club's home is its castle; the stadium rooted to the
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changing world of the inner city. Yet, by heavens, we cling to the old buildings, cling to their sense of belonging even sharks. And Pulham was involved then: In 1910, Henry

no longer paying addicts to the sport.
Fulham FC is a symbol of this idiosyncratic English-

ness. It has occupied "Craven Cottage," a homely, pleasantly antiquated stadium, for 91 of its 108 years' enstence. The Cottage is Fulham FC. Far from the maddening hooligan haunts, it exudes family atmosphere and friendliness. Should the soccer become tedious, Craven Cottage offers the distraction of a panoramic view over the River Thames, an asset that appreciably boosts attendance on Boat Race day.

That view is one of the few not lost on David Bulstrode. vho, for nine months, has masqueraded as Fulham's chairman and savior. For Bulstrode, also, is chairman of the multimillion-pound property developer Marler Estates, and now has been unmasked in his true colors. He seeks the death or eviction of Fulham so he can "maximize" Craven Cottage by plowing up the stadium, the memories, the sporting heritage in favor of several hundred rooms with a view.

Fulham soccer, he says, does not pay. Yuppie flats will, to the tune of £19 million (\$29.6 million), just more than

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Fulham soccer, says its chairman, David Bulstrode, does not pay. Yuppie flats will, to the true of £19 million (\$29.6 million), just more than double what his development company, Marler Estates, paid for Fulham FC last May.

Norris, the wealthy developer and member of Parliament attempted to merge Fulham with Arsenal, both of which he ruled. The English Football League has since forbidden one-man control of two clubs. But what if the man is a company? Fulham is the thin edge of an enormously lucrative wedge where London is concerned.

Of the 12 pro clubs in the capital, only Tomenham Hotspur, Arsenal and West Ham can look to an optimistic future. Chelsea is under notice to quit its Stamford Bridge ground by 1989. The lease holder, a certain Marler Estates. wants urgently to build 99 houses, 121 flats and 16,000 square feet (1,440 square meters) of office space there.

Bulstrode, anticipating his election as QPR chairman by the end of May, at once announced a merger that would subsume Fulham into his new club. An act of kindness, he would have us believe, to both clubs. Fulham's name would live on, in some way, in the merged title and even on paper in the program. For as long as QPR exists?

Another London club, Charlton Athletic has lost its ground and is losing the last of its support while it shares, as a renting partner, a pitch with Crystal Palace. Wimbledon, the rags to riches - i.e., small to big overdraft - chib of south London, is talking of selling its ground to developers and merging with, again, Crystal Palace.

That leaves three. Orient is hanging onto a classic Cinderella existence, built more on prayer than bankable assets. Millwall has a hooligan following second to none, and a freehold in the hands of a former chairman whose busine is property. Brentford, in prime west London building land, owes £300,000 to the bank and £800,000 to Martin Lange, its chairman. Lange, by coincidence, is a property developer. But, he insists, one with a different eye for football.

Under him, Brentford is redeveloping its grandstand by incorporating into it 48 new flats, which will be sold to pay club debis. Then, Lange predicts, Brentford may end up "the last independent club in west London." The fans

want to believe him. The Fulham fans, some of them, believed Ernie Clay, the chub's former chairman. He bought Craven Cottage from the Church Commissioners

in 1985 and sold it at a huge personal profit last May. Clay had borrowed £900,000 to buy the lease from yet another building company, Kilroe Enterprises, which was refused planning permission to preserve the stadium while constructing residential developments worth £26 million along two sides of the ground.

Fulham's murky past in the grips of property men includes a main grandstand "built" by Sir Eric Miller, a director who shot himself amid scandal in 1977. The huge bill came in later, from a company of builders that had allowed Fulham to think the stadium was a gift. Kicked straight up the naïvetés, run down and stripped of its assets, Fulham was easy prey for last week's announcement of its demise. Its fans, including 80 parliamentarians and numerous famed players from the past, galvanized action to save the club. They, and the demonstrators, have forestalled the execution.

By early this week, Bulstrode was meeting with takeover groups, negotiating to sell to the highest bidder the club's name and what meager assets it has in terms of an immature but well schooled bunch of players. Monopoly. not sport, is the name of his game.

As one tearful but knowing teen-age Fulham fan put it Sunday: "Merging wipes out clubs, wipes out history."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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SACRAMENTO, California (AP) — George Fore-pan, 38, the former heavyweight champion, called off fruesday night's comeback light here because, he said, Secure Principle Lorenzo Boyd, with a 18-8 record, was "unworthy." Foreman now is to fight Steve Zowski, 28, of Milwaukee, in a 10-round bout next Monday night. Zowski has a 25-10 record, with 14 knockouts.

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ZURICH (AP) - Seven countries have applied to a April stage the 1994 World Cup of soccer, including past hosts Brazil and Chile, the International Federation of Catholic manager Football Associations announced Tuesday.

Provisional bids also were received by last Saturday's deadline from Algeria, Benin, Morocco, South Korea and the United States. European countries could not apply because Italy is hosting the 1990 tournament.

For the Record

NHL Standings

Gilberto Roman of Mexico will defend his World doxing Council junior bantamweight title May 9 in Paris, against Santos Laciar of Argentina. (AFP)
Fidel Bassa of Colombia will defend his World 2 8 da) - 12 7 7 2 2 Boxing Association flyweight title April 25 in Belfast, against unbeaten Dave McAuley of Ireland. (AFP)

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CATCH THAT CHORUS LINE — Prospective catchers for the New York Yankees, watched with some tent by fans in the stands, worked out this week during spring training in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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DePaul Becomes a Real Demon

Sleeping Giant Comegys Has Awakened, and So Has Team

CHICAGO - DePaul had kept only DePaul's second loss against on winning, so, like in the old days, cameras had been brought into practice to shoot a feature for a television network. The player the Ray Meyer retired three seasons interviewer talked to was Dallas Comegys, who has hoisted the Blue Demons onto his back after three years of dancing away from the call. When Comegys walked away

from the interview be was smiling laughing. All this has been a long time coming and although this see son the ghosts and the burdens remain, the man has somehow changed and the challenge has been met. Largely because of the emergence of the 6-foot-9-inch (2.06-

meter) Comegys as one of the best big college basketball players in the United States, DePaul was ranked No. 5 in this week's poll by The

Notre Dame had beaten the Blue

South Bend, Indiana, but that was 25 victories this season. The other was to Georgetown. This level of success had not been seen since

Comegys, said Joey Meyer, who took over as coach after his father, is our senior, our leader, and he deserves it. Other guys have contributed a lot, but your senior lead-

er should get the most credit." The improved play of sophomore point guard Rod Strickland, the addition of Kevin Edwards, a transfer guard, changed the makeup of this team to highlight quickness instead of power, helped the perimeter of-fense and allowed Comegys, a fi-nesse player, to assert himself. In his third season, Meyer, too, is

emerging, from his father's long shadow. It has weighed on the coach nearly as heavily as the ghosts of Mark Aguirre and Terry Cum-

mings have weighed on Comegys. In Ray Meyer's last three years, DePaul finished 26-2, 21-12 and 27-3. In Joey Meyer's first two seasons, the Demons failed to win 20 games. Last year, they got a sur-prise bid to the National Collegiate Athletic Association tournament after an 18-13 season and won two games before losing to Duke. That was an amazing turnabout, since DePaul's reputation was as a tour-

"The tournament made us more confident going into this year," Meyer said. "I don't know how it affected Dallas, maybe it just gave him a positive feeling about the team and got him excited about playing again."

nament underachiever.

For three years, Comegys was DePaul's sleeping giant, the man who often found himself lost most important, he has been con-

who often found nimeel loss among stronger players.

"Anybody coming to DePaul is years before.

"He's always that's had great players." Meyer said. "I told Dallas: The better you heen consistent where he years before.

"He's always things he's doin the floor, play to heen consistent." said. "I told Dellas: The better you deal with it, the better you're going to be. You're a star, you've got to deal with it."

Comegys never asked to be cast as a legend, but he was.

"I don't think it was fair," he said. "People just didn't seem to understand there were seniors there gives who were older than

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me. I just had to wait my time."

"The criticism burt him, no

"The criticism burt him, no doubt about it," said Ray Meyer, who coached Comegys for a year before retiring. "He's very sensitive. To see him emerge now, he's smiling, he's happy. For two years have graduated, he smiling, he's happy. For two years he was very solemn because things he couldn't produce right away, he went into a little bit of a shell. But this year, when all the older players have graduated, he figures that he's the man. And he is

there's been joy, sometimes I've do all season," Comegys said. ball. You'll have joy come with the waited four years to do.



'It's been a long, up-and-down four years. This year is a prime example of a year I wanted to have throughout my

--- Dallas Comegys

bad. This year is a prime example of a year I wanted to have throughout my career."

Through 24 games, he had averaged 7.6 rebounds and 16.7 points a game, and had blocked 82 shots. He was the Blue Demons leader in all three categories and was tied for fourth place on the school's career scoring list. He already is DePaul's blocked-shot leader, but perhaps sistent where he had not been in the

things he's doing," Joey Meyer said.
"He can shoot, block the shots, run the floor, play defense. But he's never been consistent. But this year, everything has been there, every day."
"We expected so much of a

young man," said Ray Meyer.
"And we probably put too much of a burden on him. He came in with a player like Terry Cummings leav-ing, and everybody expected him to take over.

"And I honestly think that because he couldn't produce right

Meanwhile, the Blue Demons are playing consistently behind him, waiting for the tournament they know is the real showcase.

"When the postseason comes along, we'll have a chance to do some of the things we've wanted to And some of the things he has

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Flunking 'Patty Cake'

By Russell Baker

TEW YORK - Dr. Marshall N Schechter, professor emeritus of child psychiatry at the University of Pennsylvania, has firm ideas about the right and wrong way to play patty cake.

The wrong way, he testified at the Baby M custody trial in Hackensack, New Jersey, is to say "Hurray" when the kid claps her hands together. The right way? When baby claps hands the grown-up should imitate the action and clap back while saying "patty cake." The point is to "reinforce" the child's behavior, he said.

Mary Beth Whitehead, Baby M's surrogate mother, didn't do it right when Dr. Schechter came to her house to witness expertly how Whitehead got along with the 10-month-old child. When the baby clapped her hands, Whitehead said Hurray." As an expert witness, he urged the judge to end Whitehead's parental rights in order "to protect

He didn't like Whitehead having four stuffed pandas for the baby to play with, either. In the play department, Dr. Schechter is a kitchenware man. "Pots, pans and spoons would have been more suitable" than pandas, he testified.

Altogether it was a bad time in court for Whitehead. She has reneged on an agreement to bear William Stern's baby for a fee and surrender it to him and his wife to rear. Instead, she tried to keep the child until the Sterns' lawyers snared her in writs. Now, if the court heeds the experts she could end up without even the right to see

Where you stand on this case probably tells more about your emotional makeup than your powers of judgment. The issue is supposed to be "what's best for the child," and the court is supposed to figure that out and rule accordingly, but of course the wisest judge who ever judged can only be guess-ing when he decides what's best for

another human being. Ours being a money society, "best for the child" implies economic comfort, and Whitehead does not have a strong suit here. Would a Fortune 500 housewife accept, as Whitehead did, the trying task of producing a baby for a fee of \$10,000, which would have meant maybe less than \$200 a week

But imagine yourself the judge: Is economic comfort not a treacherous test? Suppose Charles Dickens had been deprived of his dreadful childhood and his miserable failure of a father and, instead, been heir to a dukedom.

A judge deciding whether "the best" for baby Dickens was the dreadful blacking factory or ducal riches would have guessed wrong in giving him the dukedom, and instead of "David Copperfield" and "Oliver Twist" we would have a dozen dull tomes on fox hunting.

The law acknowledges this danger in its requirement that the character of competing claimants also be weighed. This brings expert witnesses like Dr. Schechter to your house, or to Whitehead's house in this instance, and what a terrifying call it must be.

He, the professor emeritus of child psychiatry, is an awesome figure. He has studied thousands of children while you, if you are Whitehead have studied only two, vour two adolescents, until Baby M came along.

You are a hopeless amateur tak-ing one of life's decisive tests from a master of the child-rearing art. I don't know about Whitehead, but I am in a severely shattered state, nervewise, when Dr. Schechter appears in my parlor and says, "First of all, show me a little patty cake and then I'll check out your philosophy of toys."

Should I behave naturally? Be honest with him? Well, the truth is I'm a coward. I get down on hands and knees, all nerves because I've never tested well anyhow, and the kid claps her hands and I suddenly freeze up. Under pressure, I have completely forgotten how to play this game, but it's panic time and I've got to do something to keep the doctor from noticing how miserable and scared I am, so I shout

Toys. Now he wants to see toys. And all I've got are four teddy bears. But I seem to have heard somewhere that he likes kitchenware. I go to the kitchen and come back with a meat cleaver, which he misinterprets as a hint. "See you in court," he says, exiting swiftly.

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A Dearth of Spit-Com

By Steven D. Stark New York Times Service

FEW YORK - Johnny Car-Son, like a lot of other comedians, has found a subject he can't stop making jokes about: Ronald Reagan and the Iran arms scan-

"There's a new strain of flu making the rounds: the Admiral John P. Poindexter Ilu. Once you get it, it's easy to get rid of -you swallow a little note asking it to resign from your body."
The president is doing fine af-

ter surgery, but in case of any discomfort the doctors gave him something to help him sleep through the foreign-policy meet-

ings."
The Iran-contra affair has temporarily put political humor into the U.S. national spotlight, and is providing grist for those who do political material on the thriving

On several recent occasions, NBC has run in prime-time "Spit-ting Image." a British-produced puppet show of sharp political saure. But by and large, political comedy is a scarce commodity in the TV-dominated entertainment world of the 1980s, which is why many professional involved in the comedy scene say the recent in-crease in U.S. political humor is only a temporary aberration, triggered by the Iran arms imbroglio.

Though a few humorists have practiced the craft successfully throughout this decade - the comedian Mark Russell, the cartoonist Gary Trudeau and Carson - the Reagan era is still not producing anything as popular or as biting as the comedy of a Mort Sahl in the 1950s and '60s, a Dick Gregory, the Smothers Brothers or even a Chevy Chase, who rose to fame 12 years ago stumbling over everything in his path in imi-tation of President Gerald Ford. That's why comedians like Sahl insist that, despite the Iran affair, political humor is much less popular today than it was in the '60s

There isn't really any political humor now," says Sahi, "The kids are apolitical and the Democrats" platform is to wait for Reagan to

slip on a banana peel."

If political humor has become less popular over the past decade, it is partly a reflection of the



The puppet show "Spitting Image"; Johnny Carson.

times. "In general, the better the times are, the less political humor there is," says Arthur Dudden, a history professor at Bryn Mawr College and author of several books on American humor. Indeed, some of the best political humor has traditionally come in times of trouble. Will Rogers helped the United States laugh its way through the Depression; the nation's internal conflicts over the Vietnam War and civil rights during the '60a sparked an abundance of political comedy.

We're not a revolutionary nation anymore, so when we find drastic shortcomings in our poli-tics, we laugh about them," says Dudden "We do it out of a sense of helplessness — it preserves some degree of stability."

According to many who have worked extensively in the medium, television has altered the quality of political humor in the culture at large.

"Much of the political humor I see today satirizes the news meaning television news - rather than the issues," says Herb Sar-gent, a senior writer for "Saturday Night Live" and former producer

That Was the Week That Was." "It's not really about substance. I also think political humor today focuses much more on personalities - as opposed to is-

"Satire has always been a minority art form, but 25 years ago there was a consensus in the type of audience that likes political humor," says Tom Lehrer, a popular topical humor-song writer during the '60s, who now teaches and writes in Santa Cruz, California. "We all agreed that lynching was bad and that we liked Adlai Stevensor. The issues were clearer. Nowadays, that's not true. If you tell a joke about Israel or the space shuttle, you alienate about half the audience."

"Liberals don't have anything to say anymore. They've lost their sense of humor," says Sahl, who will open a one-man show in Los Angeles later this month. 'The liberals just want to talk about problems abroad, like South Afri-

"Today's students are concerned about stability. They're career-minded, they weren't brought up to sneer," says Dud-den. "Malcolm Muggeridge once said that all great humor is in bad taste. Today's young people are in infinitely good taste."

Others attribute this generation's lack of interest in political humor to different factors. There was an orgy of political humor about Watergate and Ger-ald Ford in the 70s, and it became like drug or 'dead baby' time. Indeed, after almost 25 jokes — people got jaded, says years of monologues, Carson's



Steve O'Donnell, head writer for David Letterman, whose latenight television show does very little political humor. "In the '60s, political humor was fresh, unusu-

"I think the real problem is that what's happening these days is so surreal that it's much harder to make fun of it," says Lehrer, in a comment echoed by others. "I said 10 years ago that political satire became obsolete the day Henry Kissinger won the Nobel Perce Prize" Peace Prize."

There is, of course, one notable exception to network television's avoidance of political humor: Johnny Carson's nightly "Tonight Show" monologue, now the viewing public's principal expo-

sure to the genre. Unlike others, Carson can get away with stinging political humor on television because he has a late-night audience, less easily offended than one during prime-

audiences have come to expect his brand of political humor. "It's a tradition — Johnny doing the events of the day," says O'Don-nell. "Besides, if you do a monologue every night, what else can you talk about?"

Carson and his writers also clearly know their audience, Among politicians, the "Tonight Show" monologue is widely considered an often more accurate gauge of how Americans feel about issues and world leaders than a public-opinion poll. Yer, others cite Carson's finely

honed sense of public opinion as an example of how tame political comedy has become. The best poprodded their audiences; Carson, they claim, only reflects his. "Carson has no base — he's an equal-opportunity satirist," says one pocal humorist.

When people start calling Johnny Carson one of our leading political commentators, what has happened to the country?" asked

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1979 Soviet Film Wins 'Golden Bear' in Berlin

Cleb Panfilov's "The Theme," [5].
1979 film depicting the relations of an artist to society that was not released in the Soviet Union until last year, won the Golden Bear award Tuesday at the Bedin film festival after its first Western show. ing Earlier Elem Klimov, chairman of the Soviet filmmakers' union, said that he is convinced that Soviet cinema will "change profoundly in the coming years. We shall do everything to ensure that those reforms are irreversible." Ana Beatriz Noguerica of Brazil was named best actress for "Vera" and Gian Maria Volonte of Italy best actor for "The Aldo Moro Case."

Andrew Wyeth described an el hibition of paintings in Russia by his father, himself and his son as "the dramas of our imaginations" and said he hoped Soviet viewers enjoy them. The 117 paintings, comprising "An American Vision: Three Generations of Wyeth Art." go on show in Leningrad's Academy of Arts from March 11 to April 12 then at Moscow's Academy of Arts from April 24 to May 31. Wyeth said the show really began 85 years ago with the vision of his father, N.C. Wyeth, and continued through himself and the eyes of his son Jamie. "Three generations of artists in one family, according to statistics, is rare," Wyeth said in a statement read at a New York hunder of the property of the said and a statement read at a New York hunder. 12 then at Moscow's Academy of cheon. Wyeth caused a stir in art circles last summer with the news that he had painted 240 rather sensnal works of a neighbor, Helga Testori, and had kept them segre Testori, and had kept them see for 15 years. The bulk of these paintings will be exhibited in the United States starting May 24 in United States starting May, 24 m. Washington. Only three of the so-called "Helga" works, donated by Wyeth's wife Betsy, will travel with the exhibit to the Soviet Union.

Playboy magazine is trying to get Favor Hall, the Iran-contra scan-dal's glamour figure, to pose for a photo layour. Jeff Cohen, manag-ing photo editor at Playboy's headquarters in Chicago, said that ever since photographs of Olive North's secretary appeared in newspapers and on television, the magazine has been deluged with letters and calls requesting that it photograph her. The magazine has contacted Hall's modeling agency and lawyer with a request.

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